

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Adopt a Resolution proclaiming )  
May 2022 as **Asian American and** )  
**Pacific Islander Heritage Month** )  
in Monterey County. )

**WHEREAS**, our Nation celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to celebrate the many contributions and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our country; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders encompass all of the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, and the Federated States of Micronesia), and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, and Easter Island); and

**WHEREAS**, May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and also to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, since the majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, California is home to 6,278,000 people of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry, and Monterey County is home to about 32,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is inextricably tied to the story of the United States, California, and Monterey County; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Monterey County, the early Chinese settlements can be traced to 1850, when Chinese fishers were some of the first to discover the rich bounties found within Monterey Bay and helped establish Monterey as a prosperous fishing port; and,

**WHEREAS**, Japanese fishers arriving in the 1890s advanced abalone fishing in Monterey Bay, comprising at some point about 10% of the robust fishing industry in Monterey County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County attracted a sizeable Filipino community, and by 1930, as many as 35,000 Filipino laborers worked in our County, contributing, among other things, to labor rights by organizing the Salinas Lettuce Strike of 1934, earning laborers a wage increase and the recognition of their union; and,

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander bigotry and hate have spread throughout the country, and Stop AAPI Hate, a non-profit that records hate incidents, states that between

May 19, 2020, to December 31, 2021, they received reports of 10,905 hate incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and,

**WHEREAS**, hate, in any form, is not a part of a pluralistic and enlightened society; and,

**WHEREAS**, each May is an opportunity to acknowledge and share the historical and current contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to our County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of all residents thereof, proclaims **May 2022** as **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in Monterey County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors urges Monterey County residents to come together in solidarity with anyone vulnerable to violence and racism.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy