

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara officially acknowledges the month of May to honor the contributions Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have made both locally and throughout the country;

WHEREAS, an estimated 22.52 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders live in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County is home to a diverse mix of Asian American and Pacific Islander ethnicities who account for more than 38.9% of the county's population;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara wishes to honor and reflect on the histories and traditions of the AAPI community and how the Asian-Pacific experience has helped shape American history, culture, and identity;

WHEREAS, the AAPI community has made significant contributions to the growth and development of the United States economy and culture, from the first landing of Filipinos on contiguous American soil in 1587, to Chinese immigrants contributing to create the nation's first transcontinental railroad, to brave servicemembers who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the nation during times of war, to modern day achievements in arts and culture, science, technology, engineering, and math with more than 60 Nobel Prize winners;

WHEREAS, during National Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the County of Santa Clara honors the perseverance of those who courageously reached for their hopes and dreams in a new land;

WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific Islander Employee Committee (APIEC) of Santa Clara County Social Services Agency is hosting the SSA API Heritage Month to celebrate "Legacies of Hope," on Wednesday, May 8, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara wishes to recognize and celebrate the many contributions and achievements of the AAPI community in local business, technology, agriculture, academia, medicine, government, and the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim the month of May as

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this 7th Day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

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