

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2023/171

proclaiming May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, the official designation of May as Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month was signed into federal law in 1992. The month of May was chosen to observe AAPI for several reasons, including to commemorate the first Japanese who came to the country in May of 1843, and to mark the May 1869 completion of the Transcontinental Railroad which involved the labor of many Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, over the past 180 years, the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community has continued to grow, and today, the community is made up of culturally and linguistically diverse people, representing populations from many countries and islands; and

WHEREAS, in California, the AANHPI population is one of the fastest growing populations, 16 percent identify as AANHPI and more than 3 million speak an Asian language including Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean and more; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in every five Contra Costa County residents identify as AANHPI; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County pays tribute to the many diverse cultures of the AANHPI community, recognizing their roles in government, construction, education, entertainment, community activism, business, medicine and various leadership positions that contribute to a thriving Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, AANHPI rich and diverse cultures have influenced every aspect of daily life and are visible in culinary arts, music, television, and cultural events that preserve, share and celebrate AANHPI traditions; and

WHEREAS, we must also recognize the discrimination, exclusion, and violence that AANHPI communities face today and throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County condemns any racialized or hate- driven violence targeting ethnic groups such as our AANHPI community; and

WHEREAS, despite these acts of violence, the AANHPI community has proven strong, determined, and resilient; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Contra Costa Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition, Contra Costa County is committed to organizing and creating solidarity among AANHPI groups and other BIPOC communities; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County is committed to creating a county where everyone is included and empowered to express the fullest extent of their joy and live without fear of retaliation; and

WHEREAS, by observing May 2023 as AANHPI Heritage Month, we honor and stand with pride alongside our Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community members. Contra Costa will celebrate the legacies of AANHPI without shame or fear of exclusion and violence based on food, features, language and customs; and

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. We are committed to creating a county where the next generation of AANHPI can walk confidently in themselves, their families, names, customs, and culture.

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Chair, District I Supervisor

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KEN CARLSON
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District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 9, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy