

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing May 2022 as “Asian
American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander
(AANHPI) Heritage Month.”

Resolution No. 2022/197

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month seeks to honor and recognize the contributions of Contra Costa residents from Central, East, South, Southeast, and West Asia, as well as the Pacific Islands including Polynesia, Micronesia, Melanesia, and Australasia; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 20 million Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) live in the United States and, through their actions, make the country a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure Nation; and

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders have distinguished themselves as leading researchers in science, medicine, and technology, as innovative farmers and ranchers, as distinguished lawyers, judges, and government leaders, as prominent contributors in the arts, literature, and sports, as war heroes who defended our country from fascism, and as peacetime healthcare heroes currently on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County population is approximately 19% Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) and includes devoted community members who serve as artists, business owners, educators, health care professionals, lawyers, judges, clergy members, first responders, and military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the AANHPI populace continues to produce individuals of valuable talent, creativity, and perspectives - Contra Costa must share power and include AANHPI society voices in decision-making areas by recruiting and retaining qualified AANHPI leaders, within influential positions; and

WHEREAS, adequate inclusion entails creating opportunities for the AANHPI community to galvanize around social justice issues (economic, health, wellness, education, racial, gender, caste, LGBTQ, violence prevention, etc.) that impact all residents, including AANHPI; and

WHEREAS, May is also Mental Health Awareness Month and it's vital to support the AAPI community with crucial resources such as mental and behavioral health support. AANHPI hamlets have the lowest help-seeking rate of any racial/ethnic group, with only 23.3% of AAPI adults (especially first-generation AANHPI immigrants) with a mental illness receiving treatment; and

WHEREAS, language access is a right, not a privilege. Contra Costa must significantly reduce barriers that continue to exclude the AANHPI commonwealth from adequate care and inclusion, within the wider general public; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders that enrich our history, society, and culture, we must also acknowledge the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance AANHPI individuals exert; and

WHEREAS, additional efforts to be noticed are a result of inequitable institutional and systemic injustices such as those manifested in racist attacks and murders, during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

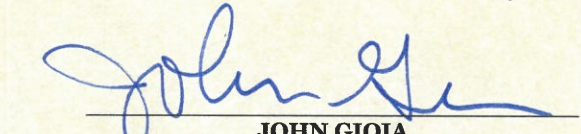
WHEREAS, in these challenging times, it's imperative to stand in solidarity to stop the hate and violence. We can turn to our history and society members to remind, educate, transform, and strive for social justice; and

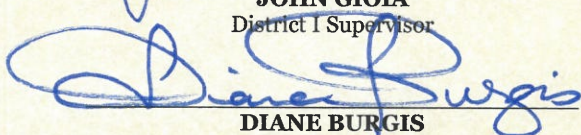
WHEREAS, the AANHPI populace understands that true liberation is shared liberation. Therefore, it's essential to build authentic power in ALL communities (AANHPI, Black, African American, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQ, and more) of diverse ages, experiences, and backgrounds, but especially those most historically impacted.

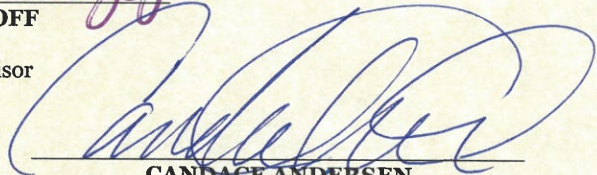
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim May 2022 as “ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH” and are dedicated to creating an inclusive Contra Costa where all communities (including AANHPI) can authentically thrive and prosper, via substantive and impactful policies, procedures, and practices.

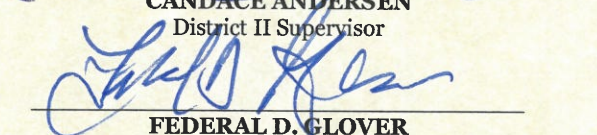
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 24th day of May 2022.


KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair,
District IV Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor


DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor


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District II Supervisor


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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 24, 2022

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By , Deputy