



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a time to recognize the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who serve as leaders in business, government, law, education, science, athletics, the arts, and many other fields; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week to celebrate two historical milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States, which occurred on May 7, 1843, and the significant contributions of Chinese workers in the building of the transcontinental railroad that was completed on May 10, 1869; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 United States Census, Asian and Pacific Islanders are approximately 5% of the United States population and 13% of the population of California; and

WHEREAS, generations of brave men and women made the dangerous voyage across the Pacific Ocean to seek better lives and opportunities for their families and children and in the process have contributed greatly to the economic prosperity and cultural legacy of communities throughout California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are a vast and diverse community, some native to the United States, who can trace their heritage to Hawaii and the United States Pacific Island territories as well as dozens of countries including China, Japan, Vietnam and South Korea; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all residents of our community to join in celebrations and activities that will occur.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 10th day of May, 2011 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandia Wallan
Clerk of the Board

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