

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2024

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Supervisors proudly recognizes **May 2024** as **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in Napa County. We celebrate the diversity of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Napa County and the vast contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our county; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 1979, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the first week of May 1979, as National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Week, and later in 1992, the celebration was extended to a month when Congress passed a law designating the whole month of May as **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**; and

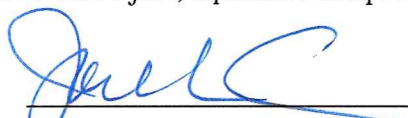
WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played a vital role in shaping the narrative of California and enriching our community as we recognize it today. Their invaluable contributions span across generations and diverse backgrounds, encompassing roles as educators, servicemen and women, entrepreneurs, artists, community builders, activists, and leaders who have influenced every aspect of our society, culture, and daily life; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino-American Association of American Canyon, also known as Fil-Am, was formally established during a gathering of friends back in September 2002. Since then, this remarkable organization has flourished into a vibrant community of 50 members who share a passion for embracing cultural diversity and fostering unity. It is also of note that Fil-Am warmly welcomes everyone, regardless of their cultural background, into their close-knit community. Their mission is to celebrate and nurture values that promote togetherness and strength through the rich tapestry of cultural heritage, the importance of family, and dedicated service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in various sectors, including healthcare, technology, the arts, and public service, have significantly advanced the progress and prosperity of Napa County; and

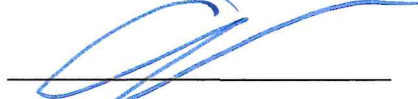
WHEREAS, recognizing and honoring the rich heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity that strengthens and enriches our community.

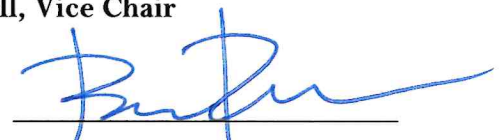
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 21st day of May 2024, does hereby recognize **May 2024** as **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in Napa County, and we call upon the people of Napa County to observe this month by engaging in programs, activities and reflections and to continue our efforts to create a community that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all.


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