

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2026

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Supervisors proudly recognizes **May 2026** as **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage (AANHPI) Month** in Napa County. We celebrate the vibrant heritage of the AANHPI community and their vast achievements and contributions in healthcare, technology, the arts, agriculture, and public service, that have significantly advanced the progress and prosperity of Napa County; and

WHEREAS, this year’s national theme **“Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together”** reflects the enduring spirit of AANHPI communities, who have long understood that collective power, the courage to share their own stories, and the willingness to serve as bridge builders across cultures and generations are essential to creating thriving, inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, Napa County has been shaped by Asian immigrants since the mid-1800s, beginning with Chinese immigrants who were foundational to local agriculture, infrastructure, and vineyard development, and who established some of California’s earliest Chinatowns in Napa County’s cities. Though this vibrant community was displaced, its cultural legacy lives on through historic sites like China Point Overlook Park, the Sam Kee Laundry Building, and plaques near the former Chinatowns in Napa and St. Helena. Historical Societies and groups like the Vallejo-Napa Chinese Club have worked to commemorate these historical sites to raise up the stories of Chinese immigrants in Napa Valley; and

WHEREAS, Japanese immigrants made lasting contributions through farming and viticulture, often under difficult and unjust conditions – including forced incarceration during World War II – yet continued to rebuild and strengthen the Napa County community post-war. Filipino immigrants, arriving largely in the early 20th century, played a vital role in vineyard labor and community building, laying the groundwork for civic and cultural organizations that endure today; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of community building is carried forward by the next generation, including the Filipino Clubs at American Canyon Middle School and American Canyon High School, whose student members proudly celebrate their cultural heritage, share their stories, and serve as bridge builders among their peers, embodying the very principle that unity and cultural pride are sources of strength for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, preserving and honoring the rich heritage of AANHPI communities enriches the cultural fabric of our region, promotes mutual respect and understanding, and reflects our shared commitment to equity and inclusiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 5th day of May 2026, does hereby recognize **May 2026** as **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in Napa County, and we encourage all community members to celebrate and amplify the stories, achievements, and contributions of the AANHPI community, and join together in advancing our shared vision of a just, equitable, and prosperous Napa County for all.

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