

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

**In the matter of:**

**Resolution No. 2022/197**

**In the Matter of recognizing May 2022 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month**

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 American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) live in the United States and, through their actions, make the United States of America 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 percent Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) and includes devoted community members who serve as artists, business owners, educators, health care professionals, lawyers and judges, clergy members, first responders, and military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the AANHPI community continues to produce individuals of abundant valuable talent, creativity, and perspectives - Contra Costa must share power and include AANHPI community voices in decision-making spaces 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 (economic, health, wellness, education, racial, gender, caste, LGBTQ, violence prevention, etc.) issues, which impacts all communities, including AANHPI; and

WHEREAS, May is also Mental Health Awareness Month, and it is more important than ever to support the AAPI community with vital resources such as mental and behavioral health support. AANHPI communities 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 community from adequate care and inclusion within the wider community; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders that enrich our history, society, and culture, we must also acknowledge the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance AANHPI individuals put forth to be heard and seen; and

WHEREAS, additional efforts to be heard and seen 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 is more important than ever to stand in solidarity to stop the hate and violence. We can turn to our history and community members to remind, educate, transform, and strive for social justice; and

WHEREAS, the AANHPI community understands that true liberation is shared liberation, therefore – it is vital to build authentic power in ALL community (AANHPI, Black, African American, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQ, and more) of diverse ages, experiences, and backgrounds but especially, those most historically impacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, do 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 through substantive and impactful policies, procedures, and practices.

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
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, County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy