

**RECOGNITION OF ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND
PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2023**

WHEREAS, during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the City of South San Francisco recognizes the innumerable contributions, vibrant cultures, and rich heritage of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AA and NHPIs); and

WHEREAS, AA and NHPIs is a broad term used to describe a diverse and fast-growing population of over 23 million Americans that includes roughly 50 ethnic groups with roots in more than 40 countries including the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Guamanian or Chamorro, Fijian, Tongan, or Marshallese peoples and encompasses the people within the United States jurisdictions of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and

WHEREAS, as some of the fastest-growing racial and ethnic groups in the Nation, AA and NHPI communities represent a multitude of ethnicities, languages, and experiences that enrich American and strengthen our Union; and

WHEREAS, AA and NHPI month is a time to speak out, share stories and debunk myths about Asian communities. The AA and NHPI communities are filled with incredible stories of resilience, of persistence, of determination; and it's a celebration of the history, culture and all the different ways in which the AA and NHPI communities have demonstrated that they are a part of this fabric - a part of this country; and

WHEREAS, time and again throughout our Nation's history, AA and NHPIs have demonstrated their dedication to ideals upon which the United States is founded. In times of war and in times of peace, they have faithfully defended the principles of freedom in uniform; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of AA and NHPI men and women, we celebrate the importance of inclusion to building a brighter future. Many AA and NHPI cultures form an important part of not only our history as a country, but also our current DNA as a people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco recognizes the challenges faced by AA and NHPI communities and their vital contributions to the American story and does hereby designate the month of May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month

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