

**RECOGNITION OF MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**
May 13, 2020

***WHEREAS**, in 1978, the President of the United States signed a Joint Resolution declaring the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week in May 1979, which in 1992 became National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and*

***WHEREAS**, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and*

***WHEREAS**, Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have contributed immeasurably to our community’s development and diversity as a people; and*

***WHEREAS**, as one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse groups in America, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community reminds us that though we all have distinct backgrounds and origins, we are bound in common purpose by our shared hopes and dreams for ourselves and our children; and*

***WHEREAS**, approximately one third of South San Francisco’s population is of Asian and Pacific Island descent; and*

***WHEREAS**, this diverse group of people continues to lead and serve as public servants, artists, educators, activists, service men and women, scientists, and business owners in South San Francisco and throughout the country; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of South San Francisco actively celebrates the richness of its diverse heritage and population.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Richard Garbarino and the City Council of the City of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.*

Richard Garbarino, Mayor

Mark Addiego, Vice Mayor

Karyl Matsumoto, Councilmember

Mark Nagales, Councilmember

Buenaflor Nicolas, Councilmember

Dated: May 13, 2020