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Oakland City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABEL J. GUILLÉN

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### RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH HONORING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS WHOSE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP IN OAKLAND CONTRIBUTE TO THE CITY'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND ITS SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made essential and enduring contributions to the history of Oakland, California and the nation, helping to build, defend, and strengthen our nation – as farmworkers and railroad laborers, entrepreneurs and scientists, soldiers and artists, and community activists and leaders of government; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our country's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, anti-miscegenation laws, and Japanese internment; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate and advance innovative knowledge, economic growth and unique cultural vitality in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, medicine, science, education, government, law, humanities, sports and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland is home to nearly 70,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans comprise more than 17 percent of Oakland's population and draw strength from diverse ancestries – each with vibrant histories and unique perspectives – that include, but are not limited to, Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Taiwanese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Iwo Jiman, Guamanian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Maldivian, Mongolian, Nepalese, Native Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Thai, Tongan, and other Pacific Islander; and

**WHEREAS**, California's Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses at the leading edge of their industries nationally and globally, and own many businesses in Oakland's diverse neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government and the State of California officially designate May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month;" and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month offers Oakland residents an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions and history of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans; now; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** The City of Oakland commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and contributions to our community, and recognizes the month of May as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID  
AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California