

RESOLUTION  
*of*  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING  
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH  
MAY 2014

WHEREAS, the Marin Asian American Public Local Employees (MAPLE) was founded in December 2013 by a group of County employees whose mission is to promote professional development, provide a social network, and celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage for Asian-American public employees in Marin County; and

WHEREAS, May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843; and

WHEREAS, many immigrants of Asian heritage came to the United States during the nineteenth century to work in the California Gold Rush and the transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1869, laboring under very difficult conditions, Asian immigrants helped construct the transcontinental railroad, which vastly expanded economic growth and development across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific Heritage Week; and in 1990 Congress expanded the observance to a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, over 14,000 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders live in the County of Marin; and of the roughly 2,000 County of Marin employees, 8.4 per cent are Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, we value our diversity and the dedication and hard work of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, we also honor the millions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who, through their wisdom, diverse talents, courage, and loyalty, have made this a stronger and greater nation; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a celebration of diversity and a time to embrace the unique value that can be found in all of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of May 2014, as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month."

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 20th day of May 2014.

KATHRIN SEARS - DISTRICT 3, PRESIDENT

SUSAN L. ADAMS - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

