

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2015

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 American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage for Asian-American public employees in Marin County; and

WHEREAS, May was chosen to commemorate two important anniversaries which occurred during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American Pacific Islander community draws strength from the diversity of its many distinct cultures, each with vibrant histories and unique perspectives to bring to our national life; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have helped build, defend, and strengthen our Nation as farm workers and railroad laborers; as entrepreneurs and scientists; as artists, activists, and leaders of government; 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 percent are Asian American and Pacific Islander; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a celebration of diversity, accomplishments, and is 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 2015 as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in Marin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 12th day of May 2015.

KATIE RICE – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2 - PRESIDENT

STEVE KINSEY – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4,

