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**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

“Asian Pacific American Heritage Month” is a celebration of the great contributions that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made in the United States. The celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month dates back to when New York Congressman Frank Horton introduced House Joint Resolution 1007 in 1978. This resolution proposed that a week in May should be proclaimed as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. The resolution passed through both the House and Senate and was signed President Jimmy Carter. In the years that followed, Asian Pacific American Week was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1990; in 1992 Congress passed a law to annually designate May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. May was chosen as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month because the month marks the anniversary of two significant events: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, since a majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated with community festivals, government-sponsored activities, and educational activities for students.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May 2019 as “Asian Pacific American Heritage Month” throughout Los Angeles County to increase awareness of the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander-Americans in our society.

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