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Proclaiming May 13th – 19th, 2024 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week

Los Angeles County has been continually enriched by the diverse cultures that become part of the fabric of our society, and being home to almost 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) residents. Los Angeles County also has the greatest proportion of immigrants from Taiwan. The 2020 census report indicated that there were 167,000 Taiwanese Americans residing in Los Angeles County.

Taiwanese Americans have contributed to the economy and critical fields, including the auto industry, entrepreneurship, state government, science and research, technology, and more. That is why to align with May being Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) month, in 1999, President Bill Clinton dedicated the third week of May as Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

During Taiwanese American Heritage Week, we recognize and honor the cultures, traditions, contributions, and achievements of Taiwanese Americans.

To celebrate in community, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in LA

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annually hosts a Taiwanese American Heritage Week Festival. This year the celebration will take place on May 18, 2024 at Barnes Park in Monterey Park. The festival activities promote Taiwan's cultural exchange and international commerce. Inspired by the creative and diverse ethnic culture of Taiwan, there are performances that fuse dance, drama, and arts, incorporating Mandarin, Taiwanese, Hakka, and Indigenous music as well as Taiwan's diverse cultural and natural scenes. This presents the audience with the unique faces of Taiwan seen in journeys away from home, nostalgic cities, and energetic festivals. It also conveys Taiwan's beliefs and vitality with Taiwanese temple fairs and families' prayers. It displays Taiwan's cultural diversity depicting Taiwanese ancestors' spirit of diligence, perseverance, and the cultural diversity of different ethnic groups in Taiwan.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 13th to May 19th, 2024 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Communications to promote County and County Department events celebrating Taiwanese American heritage.

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