

1 [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - May 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing and celebrating May 2025 as Asian American and Pacific**  
4 **Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in the City and County of San Francisco and honoring**  
5 **the significant contributions of the AAPI Community, energizing the next generation.**  
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7 WHEREAS, The month of May carries significance to Asian American and Pacific  
8 Islanders (AAPI) because of two historic events that occurred – on May 7, 1843, the date of  
9 the first recorded arrival of immigrants from Japan to the United States; and on May 10, 1869,  
10 the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, a monumental project made possible by  
11 primarily Chinese laborers despite discriminatory, unsafe conditions and without  
12 acknowledgement and is now recognized as Transcontinental Chinese Railroad Workers Day;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The origin of the Asian Pacific Heritage Month came from a former Capitol  
15 Hill staffer, Jeanie Jew, who illuminated the need for the recognition of this important  
16 community in highlighting her own story as a great granddaughter of a Chinese  
17 Transcontinental worker, and Ruby Moy, the chief of staff of Representative Horton who  
18 worked to make the commemoration possible; and

19 WHEREAS, Congressional representatives dating back to 1977, most notably  
20 Congressmembers Norman Mineta and Frank Horton, introduced Resolutions to designate  
21 official recognition for Asian Pacific Heritage, which eventually recognized the first week of  
22 May as Asian/Pacific American Week; and

23 WHEREAS, On March 28, 1979, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential  
24 proclamation for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week to recognize the significant  
25 contributions of the Asian Pacific community; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1991, United States President George H.W. Bush signed into law a  
2 Joint Resolution adopted by the Congress of the United States, declaring that the month of  
3 May be celebrated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the United States; and in  
4 1992, it was declared that the celebration would take place in May in perpetuity; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2005, Mayor Gavin Newsom embraced the idea of an annual official  
6 celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in San Francisco; and

7 WHEREAS, The AAPI Heritage Month Celebration Guide is thoughtfully curated to  
8 showcase AAPI events, activities, and educational opportunities from official celebration  
9 partners happening in Districts across San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, To kickoff the month of May, the APA Heritage Foundation hosts the APA  
11 Heritage Awards and reception to honor exceptional AAPI organizations and individuals; and

12 WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 21st year of the annual celebration of Asian American &  
13 Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in San Francisco, with this year's theme as  
14 "Energizing The Next Generation," spotlighting the importance of youth leadership in the  
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors notable AAPI residents  
17 and organizations for their service, leadership, contributions, and achievements during a  
18 Board of Supervisors Special Commendation Ceremony in the month of May; now, therefore,  
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and celebrates the month of  
21 May as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City and County of San  
22 Francisco; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors is committed to highlighting  
24 achievements and contributions of the AAPI community to elevate cross-cultural  
25 understanding and promote multi-racial solidarity; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the work of the APA  
2 Heritage Celebration Committee and the APA Heritage Foundation for creating these  
3 invaluable opportunities for the community to experience the rich diversity of our AAPI  
4 communities in San Francisco.



# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Resolution

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April 08, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sherrill and Walton  
Excused: 1 - Sauter

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/8/2025 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie  
Mayor

04/18/2025

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

04/18/2025

Date