

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296536

ADOPTED ON MAY 21 2002

WHEREAS, the history of Asians and Pacific Islanders is rich with tradition and accomplishments of a people who persevered incredible obstacles; and

WHEREAS, like millions of others who left their homelands to come to America, the first Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants who arrived here in the nineteenth century were seeking a better life; and

WHEREAS, these brave new Americans prevailed over every hardship and succeeded in building new lives for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, today those of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry have made important contributions to our nation in government, business, science and other fields; and

WHEREAS, for the past ten years, following a 1992 Executive Order by President George H. W. Bush, each May has been designated Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, many organizations, community groups and churches in San Diego will host celebrations and educational events throughout the month; and

WHEREAS, with gratitude for the countless benefits of the Asian and Pacific Islander heritage to the tapestry of cultures that form our unique city, San Diegans celebrate the Asian and Pacific Islander culture; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim May 2002 to be “**ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**” in recognition of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities of San Diego and their commitment to their cultures and traditions.

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