

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298382

ADOPTED ON SEP 22 2003

WHEREAS, the ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY AIDS PROJECT (APICAP) was founded over nine years ago when the Legal Aid Society of San Diego and Alliance Healthcare Foundation saw the need for a program that addresses the health needs of San Diego County's growing Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities, with an emphasis on youth and adolescents, and from this vision APICAP was born; and

WHEREAS, for the past decade, APICAP has been, and continues to be, the primary source of HIV/AIDS health care advocacy, referrals, and support services for San Diego County's vast API communities; and

WHEREAS, APICAP's four-tiered mission is to 1) secure justice for and protect the rights of HIV-infected APIs, their families and friends, who are unable to procure such assistance elsewhere, and to promote measures for their protection; 2) provide support to HIV-infected APIs, their families, and friends; 3) advance the knowledge about HIV among the API communities and the general public of San Diego County; and 4) advance the knowledge about API cultural values among the general public of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, APICAP strives to accomplish its mission by offering outreach, paraprofessional counseling, and support, health education, prevention, and risk-reduction services; and

WHEREAS, APICAP's API Advocacy Program provides case management services that include assisting the clients in accessing and coordinating their benefits, from housing to Social

Security, medical/clinical referrals, and mental health referral and support services, along with paraprofessional support in the form of client home and/or hospital visits, and group social service, and recreational activities; and


WHEREAS, APICAP offers a wide range of prevention, risk reduction and health education services, all delivered by trained project staff and volunteers who adhere to stringent quality standards, including the cultural and linguistic appropriateness of all the HIV/AIDS information developed and distributed; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2003, APICAP will celebrate its 10th anniversary at a gala dinner at the Wyndham Emerald Plaza Hotel in downtown San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for an on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize the 10th anniversary of the ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY AIDS PROJECT (APICAP), and commends them for their outstanding health care advocacy, referral, and support services to those living with HIV/AIDS in the Asian Pacific Islander communities, and for their outreach to educate the community at large to issues unique to those in these communities living with HIV/AIDS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 20, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY AIDS PROJECT (APICAP) 10TH ANNIVERSARY DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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