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WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific Islander Community AIDS Project [APICAP] is the primary HIV/AIDS service organization for the Asian Pacific Islander American [APIA] community in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, APICAP has a record of success providing case management, health education, prevention, risk reduction, advocacy, and support to HIV infected Asian Pacific Islander Americans, their family members, and friends within San Diego County. APICAP assists clients in accessing and coordinating their benefits, from housing to Social Security; medical/clinical referrals; and mental health referral and support services; as well as paraprofessional support in the form of client home and/or hospital visits, group social and recreational activities, and transportation assistance for medical-related appointments; and

WHEREAS, through its Prevention and Risk-Reduction services, APICAP uses individual and group-level interventions, health education efforts, speakers bureaus delivered by trained project staff, and volunteers who adhere to stringent standards, in the appropriate cultural form and language, including, but not limited to, Cambodian, Mandarin Chinese, Filipino Tagalog, Lao, Thai, and Vietnamese; and

WHEREAS, APICAP works to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS within the APIA community through culturally and language appropriate public education, thus enhancing the San Diego APIA community's understanding of how this epidemic affects their family, friends,

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and colleagues. San Diego's Pan-ethnic APIA community is comprised of forty-nine ethnic

groups that speak over 100 languages, each with its own complex cultural issues, language

differences and traditional practices stemming from their own unique cultures and histories; and

WHEREAS, APICAP will celebrate its thirteenth anniversary at a gala dinner on

November 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, APICAP will honor Steve Eldred of the California Endowment with its

Hope Award, City Commissioner Julia Legaspi with its Service Award, community leader

Benjamin Dillingham III with its Compassion Award, and City Commissioner Nicole Murray

Ramirez with its Lifetime Achievement Award; 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 recognize the Asian Pacific Islander

Community AIDS Project and commends it for its service to the APIA community and all of

San Diego; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 18, 2006, be and is hereby proclaimed to

be "ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AIDS PROJECT DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

CMB:jab 11/08/2006

Or.Dept:Council-Atkins

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San Diego, at this meeting of	
`	ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk By Deputy City Clerk
Approved: (date)	JERRY SANDERS, Mayor
Vetoed:(date)	JERRY SANDERS, Mayor