

1 [Commendation of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance and Declaration of May 17, 2003 as “GAPA
2 Day” in San Francisco.]

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4 **Resolution commending the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) for 15 years of service**
5 **to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander (API)**
6 **community in San Francisco and declaring May 17, 2003 “GAPA Day” in the City and**
7 **County of San Francisco.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance was formed 15 years ago to address the
10 AIDS epidemic in the API communities; and

11 WHEREAS, GAPA created a safe space for Asian and Pacific Islander men to discuss
12 their unique issues; and,

13 WHEREAS, Today GAPA remains a source of empowerment for gay and bisexual API
14 men in an ever-changing world; and,

15 WHEREAS, GAPA is dedicated to furthering the interests of gay and bisexual
16 Asian/Pacific Islanders by creating awareness, by developing a positive collective identity and
17 by establishing a supportive community; and,

18 WHEREAS, GAPA created The Living Well Project in 1987 as the first gay-identified
19 Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS program in the United States and the first Asian and
20 Pacific Islander program to provide volunteer support, case management and mental health
21 services to Asians and Pacific Islanders living with HIV/AIDS; and,

22 WHEREAS, The Living Well Project became the GAPA Community HIV Project
23 (GCHP) and then the Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center which has consistently
24 been recognized for the quality of its work, receiving the highest ratings from the San
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1 Francisco Department of Public Health for its Integrated CARE Services and recognition as a
2 Center of Excellence at the Mayor's 1996 Health Summit; and,

3 WHEREAS, GAPA has also been a trailblazer and bridge builder within the City's large
4 API Community, sponsoring the first LGBT contingent in our City's Chinese New Year's
5 Parade as well as the increasingly popular "Runway" pageant that crowns Mr. And Ms. GAPA
6 each year; and,

7 WHEREAS, GAPA is celebrating fifteen years of service and dedication on May 17th at
8 the "15 Years of Community" celebration; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance
10 for its outstanding contribution to our city; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares May 17, 2003 "GAPA
12 Day" in the City and County of San Francisco.

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