

1 [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.]

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3 **Resolution recognizing May 2005 as “Asian Pacific American Heritage Month” in the**
4 **City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, From the early 1800’s to the 21st century, Asian and Pacific Americans
7 have played a vital role in the development of the United States and made lasting
8 contributions in all elements of society; and,

9 WHEREAS, In June 1977, Representative Frank Horton of New York and
10 Representative Norman Y. Mineta of California put forth a resolution that called for the first ten
11 days of May to be proclaimed as “Asian/Pacific Heritage Week”; and,

12 WHEREAS, The following month, Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga
13 introduced a similar bill in the Senate and both were passed; and,

14 WHEREAS, On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution
15 designating the annual celebration; and,

16 WHEREAS, In May 1990 President George Bush designated May to be “Asian Pacific
17 Heritage month” in commemoration of the first Japanese immigrant who arrived on May 7,
18 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869; and,

19 WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated with community
20 festivals, government-sponsored activities, and educational activities for students; and,

21 WHEREAS, This year’s celebration theme is “Freedom For All-A Nation We Call Our
22 Own”; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes May 2005 as “Asian Pacific
24 American Heritage Month” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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