

1 [Queer and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander Week - May 27 Through June 7, 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the week of May 27, 2026, through June 7, 2026, as Queer and**
4 **Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander Week in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Bay Area Queer and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander (QTAPI)
7 Coalition was formed on February 7, 2019, to build community, facilitate intergenerational
8 transfer of knowledge, recognize the QTAPI community’s historical context and
9 interdependence, and celebrate their unique cultural heritage and identity; and

10 WHEREAS, The Bay Area QTAPI Coalition includes organizations and community
11 groups, many of whose origins date back to the 1980s, such as Lavender Phoenix (formerly
12 API Equality Northern California (APIENC)), Asian Pacific Islander Queer Women &
13 Transgender Community (APIQWTC), GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA), AAPI Caucus
14 of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club, Parivar Bay Area, Prism Foundation, Red
15 Envelope Giving Circle, API Transmasculine Anthology, API TransFusion, Chinese Cultural
16 Center of San Francisco, Edge on the Square, GLBT Historical Society, Japantown Rainbow
17 Coalition, San Francisco Community Health Center, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Trikone,
18 OpenHouse, The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA), Project Ohana in
19 the Bay, Horizons Foundation, UTOPIA, Castro LGBTQ Cultural District, San Francisco Pride,
20 Essence of Mana, North County Outreach, QT Nightlife aka RIZE SF, and members of the
21 Rice Rockettes; and

22 WHEREAS, In the wake of increased violence against the AAPI community, the Bay
23 Area QTAPI Coalition and Michael T. Nguyen organized the first QTAPI Week in San
24 Francisco on May 22, 2021, through May 29, 2021, the first in the country and the world,

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1 starting on Harvey Milk Day in the Castro during Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI)
2 Heritage Month; and

3 WHEREAS, The Bay Area QTAPI Coalition supported efforts by QTAPI people
4 statewide and nationally to organize their own local QTAPI Weeks to counteract and heal from
5 the discrimination, violence, and disproportional harm by unjust systems; and

6 WHEREAS, Community-based organizations across the QTAPI spectrum have
7 provided support, advocacy, and health and safety services to the Bay Area QTAPI
8 community for over 45 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Newer grassroots organizations formed at the turn of the millennium have
10 continued to respond to ongoing systems of oppression and pandemic crises by supporting
11 and organizing QTAPI people in the Bay Area; and

12 WHEREAS, Organizations and spaces continue to form, celebrating and documenting
13 the experiences of LGBTQ people who identify as Asian American, such as the OUT
14 Museum, the world's first Chinese-language queer museum and archive; and

15 WHEREAS, QTAPI Week is a time when organizers demonstrate the strength and
16 resilience of the Asian American community in the face of continued violence as well as pride
17 in identity as part of the LGBTQ+ community; and

18 WHEREAS, During QTAPI Week, the Bay Area QTAPI Coalition will center on a theme
19 of "Reinventing Refuge" to unite, support, and protect the AAPI queer and transgender
20 community, host a series of events that serve as a metaphorical bridge between AAPI
21 Heritage month in May, and Pride Month in June, showing that identities are interconnected,
22 such as the OUT Museum grand opening, drag shows and brunch in partnership with the
23 Exploratorium, the stage play La Cage Aux Folles at Theater Rhinoceros, America's longest-
24 running queer storytelling theater, the annual QTAPI block party in partnership with Castro Art
25 Mart and San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development; and

1 WHEREAS, The Bay Area QTAPI Coalition continues to grow and respond to the
2 issues facing the QTAPI community; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 hereby recognizes May 27, 2026, through June 7, 2026, as Queer and Transgender Asian
5 and Pacific Islander (QTAPI) Week; and, be it;

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
7 Francisco commends the Bay Area QTAPI Coalition for organizing, mobilizing, and inspiring
8 the QTAPI community, and for the numerous contributions made by the QTAPI community
9 locally, nationally, and globally.

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