FILE NO. 260462 RESOLUTION NO. 266-26

[Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - May 2026]

Resolution recognizing and celebrating May 2026 as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in the City and County of San Francisco, honoring the significant contributions of the AAPI Community, and elevating AAPI cultures.

WHEREAS, The month of May carries significance to Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) because of two historic events: the date of the first recorded arrival of immigrants from Japan to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869, a monumental project made possible by primarily Chinese laborers despite discriminatory, unsafe conditions and without acknowledgement, which is now recognized as Transcontinental Chinese Railroad Workers Day; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific Heritage Month originated from a former Capitol Hill staffer, Jeanie Jew, who illuminated the need for the recognition of this important community by highlighting her own story as the great-granddaughter of a Chinese Transcontinental Railroad worker, and Ruby Moy, the chief of staff of Representative Frank Horton who worked to make the commemoration possible; and

WHEREAS, Congressional representatives dating back to 1977, most notably Representatives Norman Mineta and Frank Horton, introduced Resolutions to designate official recognition for Asian Pacific Heritage Month, which eventually recognized the first week of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, On March 28, 1979, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week to recognize the significant contributions of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, President George H.W. Bush signed into law a Joint Resolution declaring that the month of May be celebrated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the United States; and in 1992, it was declared that the celebration would take place in May in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Mayor Gavin Newsom embraced the idea of an annual official celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, To kick off the month of May, the APA Heritage Foundation hosts the APA Heritage Awards and reception to honor exceptional AAPI organizations and individuals; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 22nd year of the annual celebration of AAPI Heritage Month in San Francisco, with this year's theme being "Elevating Cultures," spotlighting the diverse cultural vibrancy in performance, arts, literature, food and drink, and more; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme emphasizes the importance of strengthening community connectivity and resilience through elevating the vibrant AAPI immigrant diaspora in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The APA Heritage Foundation curates the AAPI Heritage Month Celebration Guide is thoughtfully curated to showcase AAPI events, activities, and educational opportunities from official celebration partners happening in Districts across San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors honors notable AAPI residents and organizations for their service, leadership, contributions, and achievements during a Board of Supervisors Special Commendation Ceremony in the month of May; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and celebrates the month of May 2026 as AAPI Heritage Month in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors is committed to highlighting achievements and contributions of the AAPI community to elevate cross-cultural understanding and promote multi-racial solidarity; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the work of the APA Heritage Celebration Committee and the APA Heritage Foundation for creating these invaluable opportunities for the community to experience the rich diversity of our AAPI communities in San Francisco.

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May 05, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong
Excused: 2 - Fielder and Mahmood

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/5/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Alisa Somera
for **Angela Calvillo**
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
Daniel Lurie
Mayor

05/15/2026
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/15/2026
Date