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[Queer and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander Week - May 25 through June 2, 2024]

Resolution recognizing the week of May 25 through June 2, 2024, as Queer and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander Week in the City and County of San Francisco.

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

WHEREAS, The Bay Area QTAPI Coalition includes organizations and community groups such as Lavender Phoenix (formerly API Equality Northern California (APIENC)), Asian Pacific Islander Queer Women & Transgender Community (APIQWTC), GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA), AAPI Caucus of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club, Parivar Bay Area, Prism Foundation, Red Envelope Giving Circle, API Transmasculine Anthology, API TransFusion, GLBT Historical Society, San Francisco Community Health Center, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Essense of Mana, North County Outreach, QT Nightlife aka RIZE SF, and members of the Rice Rockettes; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area QTAPI Coalition organized the first QTAPI Week in San Francisco May 22 through 29, 2021, the first in the country and the world, starting on Harvey Milk Day in the Castro during Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, During QTAPI Week, the Bay Area QTAPI Coalition will host networking activities, voter engagement and capacity building events, and supportive facilitated conversations that further the work of the QTAPI movement in San Francisco, the Bay Area, statewide in California, and beyond; and

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

RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize May 25 through June 2, 2024, as Queer and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander (QTAPI) Week and commends the Bay Area QTAPI Coalition for organizing, mobilizing, and inspiring our QTAPI community, and for lifting up the countless contributions by the QTAPI community locally, nationally, and globally.