



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING  
MAY 2026 AS

*Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian &  
Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) Heritage Month*

**WHEREAS**, the Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) communities are among the fastest growing and most diverse racial groups in the United States and have made significant contributions to San Mateo County and beyond; and according to 2024 Census estimates, Asian Americans represent 33.1% and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islanders 1.4% of the County's population; and

**WHEREAS**, local data shows AANHPI communities continue to experience behavioral health disparities and barriers to care. In the 2022 San Mateo County Health and Quality of Life Survey, 39.8% of Pacific Islander adults reported prolonged periods of depression, and 14.0% reported suicidal thoughts in the past year. The 2022 All Together Better data shows that Asian American adults reported an average of 3.1 days of feeling sad, blue, or depressed in the past 30 days, highlighting the importance of culturally responsive behavioral health supports and access to care; and

**WHEREAS**, youth data from 2021–2023 show elevated rates of sadness, hopelessness, and suicidal consideration among Pacific Islander youth, and suicide deaths among Asian American communities increased in 2020 compared to 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, AANHPI communities continue to face barriers to accessing behavioral health services, including cultural stigma, limited behavioral health literacy, language access inequities, and a lack of culturally and linguistically responsive care; and

**WHEREAS**, AANHPI communities remain under-resourced and underrepresented across behavioral health systems, workforce, leadership, and research, despite their strengths and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, community building and promotion of existing cultural, traditional, and indigenous wellness practices strengthen resilience, foster belonging, and lessen the negative impacts of behavioral health conditions by reinforcing identity, healing, connection, and collective care; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Health Equity Initiatives—including the Chinese Health Initiative, Filipino Mental Health Initiative, and Pacific Islander Initiative—work to amplify community voices and advance equity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors designates May 2026 as **AANHPI Heritage Month** and calls upon the community to address behavioral health inequities through collective action, while reaffirming its commitment to meaningfully recognizing and including AANHPI voices, leadership, experiences, and perspectives in decisions and systems impacting community well-being.

**Dated: May 5, 2026**

**SUPERVISORS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOELLA CORZO, PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID J. CANEPA

\_\_\_\_\_  
JACKIE SPIER

\_\_\_\_\_  
RAY MUELLER

\_\_\_\_\_  
LISA GAUTHIER

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS