



PROCLAIMING MAY 2024 AS
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) HERITAGE MONTH WAS SIGNED INTO LAW IN 1992 AND CELEBRATES ALL ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS, KNOWN AS THE AAPI COMMUNITY WHOSE VARIETY OF CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BUILT OUR CULTURE AND SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS, THE FILIPINO AMERICAN COUNCIL OF VENTURA COUNTY, INC. TRACES ITS ROOTS BACK TO ITS FOUNDATION IN 1987 BY THE LATE TONY GREY. ESTABLISHED WITH A VISION TO UNITE THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN VENTURA COUNTY, THE COUNCIL WAS BORN OUT OF A SHARED SENSE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE, VALUES, AND ASPIRATIONS AMONG ITS MEMBERS; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE COUNCIL HAS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN FOSTERING COMMUNICATION AMONG MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS, SERVING AS A CENTRAL HUB FOR COORDINATION AND REPRESENTATION. COMMITTED TO PROMOTING HARMONY AND UNDERSTANDING WITHIN THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN VENTURA COUNTY, THE COUNCIL HAS ENDEAVORED TO COORDINATE FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS TO AVOID CONFLICTING SCHEDULES, THEREBY SERVING AS A MODERATING AND STABILIZING FORCE; AND

WHEREAS, AT ITS CORE, THE COUNCIL IS DEDICATED TO ENCOURAGING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS SPHERES OF COMMUNITY LIFE, INCLUDING CIVIC, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, AND CHARITABLE PROGRAMS. IT CHAMPIONS THE ENGAGEMENT OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS IN PROJECTS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE GENERAL WELL-BEING OF THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THEREBY ENSURING ITS CONTINUED GROWTH AND PROSPERITY; AND

WHEREAS, AS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR 13 FILIPINO-AMERICAN CLUBS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY OF VENTURA COUNTY, INC., FIRSTGEN FILIPINO, INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, PHILCENTER OF VENTURA COUNTY, FILIPINO NURSES ASSOCIATION, PANGASINAN ASSOCIATION, PHILIPPINE PATRON OF THE ARTS, VISAYAN ASSOCIATION, ZAMBALES ASSOCIATION, LA UNION ASSOCIATION, ILOCANO ASSOCIATION, FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CAMARILLO, AND FILIPINO AMERICAN UNIFIED SENIORS ASSOCIATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE FILIPINO AMERICAN COUNCIL OF VENTURA COUNTY STANDS AS A BEACON OF UNITY, STRENGTH, AND ADVOCACY FOR THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY. WITH ITS RICH HISTORY AND COMMITMENT TO ITS MEMBERS, THE COUNCIL CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A CORNERSTONE OF FILIPINO-AMERICAN IDENTITY AND REPRESENTATION IN VENTURA COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, WE CELEBRATE ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE AAPI COMMUNITY, WHICH IS MADE UP OF CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE PEOPLES, REPRESENTING POPULATIONS FROM MANY COUNTRIES AND ISLANDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RECOGNIZES MAY 2024 AS "ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH" AND TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FILIPINO AMERICAN COUNCIL OF VENTURA COUNTY, INC., AND ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN VENTURA COUNTY.

PRESENTED ON THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2024



CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT



MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT



JEFF GORCH, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT



JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT



VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT