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SAN DIEGO HONORS CULTURE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS **Councilmember Cate declares the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

San Diego –The month of May is designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and honors Americans whose heritage encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands. The rich history of Asian Pacific Americans includes: the completion of the transcontinental railroad back in May 10, 1869, a number of Medal of Honor recipients of Asian Pacific descent over the years, and icons of Asian Pacific American Heritage who have had an impact on American lifestyle, to note a few.

Nearly half a million Asian and Pacific Islanders call San Diego County their home. Asian Pacific Islanders are the fastest growing racial group in the region. Nearly one-third of the residents in Council District Six are of Asian-American descent.

“As a Filipino-American, I am proud of the outstanding contributions Asian Americans make to San Diego each and every day,” stated Councilmember Chris Cate. “My family, like many other Asian American families, immigrated to the United States for a better life and to pursue the American Dream. For that alone, they should be lauded.”

During Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Asian Pacific Americans of all ethnicities come together to promote cultural appreciation and to share their diverse traditions through appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Councilmember Cate presented the Proclamation to the [Union of Pan Asian Communities](#), [Pacific Arts Movement](#), and the [Asian American Journalist Association](#).

