

RESOLUTION IN OBSERVANCE AND SUPPORT OF ASIAN-AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, every May we honor the significant contributions of members of our Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) community, and in 2022, this enthusiasm has not waned, for we can never say enough about the unique gifts these Americans give our country day-in and day-out; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's observance is "Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration;

WHEREAS, as we celebrate and pay tribute to generations of these proud Americans, many of whom have made, and make Fulton County, Georgia their home, we also recognize that many of them paved the way for greater opportunity for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County wishes to reaffirm its commitment to confronting discrimination and hate in all forms—so that together, we can create a County, State and Country that is truly equitable and inclusive for all; and

WHEREAS, the rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island); and

WHEREAS, like most commemorative months, AA and NHPI Heritage Month originated with Congress, introduced on the House floor in 1977, proclaiming the first ten days in May as Pacific/Asian American Heritage Week, and for a number of years, the observance was a week-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Congress passed a law expanding the observance to a month that year and then in 1992, Congress made it an annual month-long observance; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, of which the majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County enthusiastically joins in the national observance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board urges all residents and visitors to Fulton County, Georgia to take time to participate in the observance of this special occasion through the many resources and amenities offered by the County, especially Fulton County libraries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board of Commissioner directs the Clerk to the Commission to spread this Resolution upon the official minutes and record of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, and disseminate the Resolution appropriately throughout all of Fulton County;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, this _____ day of May, 2022.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

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Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner
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ATTEST:

Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney