

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Recognizing the month of
OCTOBER as AANHPI Autumn Harvest
Festival Cultural Celebration and
Remembrance.**

Resolution No. 2025-391

WHEREAS, today, more than 25 million Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) live in the United States and, through their actions, make the United States of America a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure Nation; and

WHEREAS, Peoples of Chinese heritage first arrived to the United States of America in the early 1800s, constituting approximately 225 years of valuable contributions to the nation; peoples of Japanese and Korean heritages first arrived to the United States of America in the 1880s, constituting approximately 145 years of valuable contributions to the nation; peoples of South Asia heritage first arrived to the United States of America as early as the 1700s, and in large numbers in the late 1800s, constituting approximately 325 years of valuable contributions to the nation; and peoples of Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander heritages first arrived to the United States of America in the 1960s constituting approximately 70 years of valuable contributions to the nation; and

WHEREAS, the few select AANHPI populations mentioned above alone constitute decades of investment, labor, love, and sacrifices on and for USA soil - from West Coast, East Coast, Midwest, Northern and Southern United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico; and AANHPI individuals and communities (current and past) have contributed greatly to the economy, labor, government, military, technology, cuisine, education, entertainment, agriculture, and cultural fabric of this nation; and

WHEREAS, The Autumn months of August through October mark a diverse array of Eastern celebrations and festivals honoring past ancestors, harvest, festivities, reflection, remembrance, and the Moon. Lunar symbolism occupies an important role in Eastern traditions with practices, adaptations and variance, in accordance with the unique population and culture. Vietnamese "Tết Trung Thu" and Chinese "Zhongqiu Jie (中秋)" celebrate end of the year bounty and the full moon with lanterns making moon cakes and sweets, and family reunions. Indians and South Asians celebrate "Diwali", the Festival of Lights, between October and November as a triumph of light over darkness on the night of the new moon with lighting lamps, sharing food, and celebrating with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Chuseok (추석) "Korean Thanksgiving" is celebrated with ancestor veneration and feasts from the successful harvest, Japanese Tsukimi (月見) celebrates the end of year harvest with Dango (団子) rice dumplings, poetry, art, rituals, moon viewing with reverence and gratitude for health, abundance, and prosperity; and

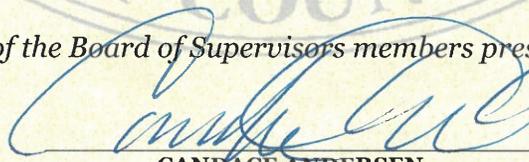
WHEREAS, Americans of Japanese ancestry leading various community-based organizations such as The Contra Costa Japanese American Citizens League (Richmond, CA), have established themselves as foundational, valuable, and irreplaceable communities in the enduring richness, abundance, and beautification of Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty and responsibility to stand against cultural erasure, to honor unseen struggles, sacrifices, and the unbreakable nature of the human spirit; and

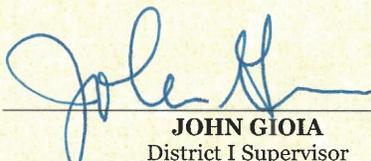
WHEREAS, AANHPI communities continue to honor the Autumn Harvest Festival and reflect, upon the rhythm of the moon cycle, as a time of renewal: after the luminous moon passes through the sky, the brilliant sun rises over the Golden Coast of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims **October 2025** as "**AANHPI Autumn Harvest Festival Cultural Celebration and Remembrance Month**" and are dedicated to Contra Costa County where all can thrive in wealth, health, prosperity and the shared abundance of communal harvest.

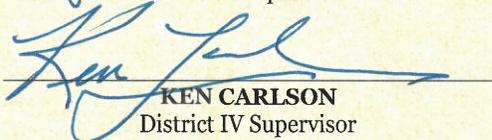
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 18th day of November 2025.



CANDACE ANDERSEN
Chair,
District II Supervisor



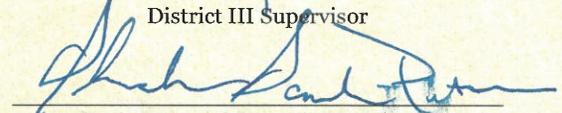
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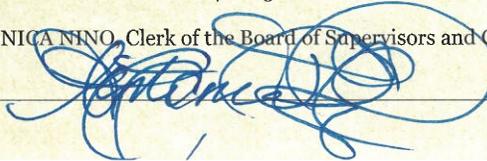
SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
District V Supervisor



I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: November 18, 2025

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  , Deputy