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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 2, 2017

To recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and the Asian American and Pacific Islander community as an integral and celebrated cultural community in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the District is home to 32,376 Asian American and Pacific Islander residents;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is celebrating its 30th anniversary;

WHEREAS, in June 1977, Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House of Representatives resolution to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage week, and the following month, Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Spark Matsunaga from Hawaii introduced a similar bill in the Senate;

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration;

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a bill passed by Congress to extend the week-long celebration to a month-long celebration;

WHEREAS, in 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law;

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander immigrants have contributed greatly the social, economic, and political development of the District throughout its history;

WHEREAS, countless residents of Asian and Pacific Island heritage serve the District of Columbia in the areas of public service, education, business, technology, healthcare, family services, the arts, and culture; and

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WHEREAS, May has become a symbolic month in which Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and their supporters, come together in various celebrations of culture, traditions, and history.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the outstanding contributions and valued accomplishments of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the District of Columbia and the United States of America, celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and recognizes District residents who trace their ancestry to Asia and the Pacific Islands on the occasion of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.