

**WHEREAS**, as of 2002, an estimated 6,924 Asian and Pacific Islanders (A&PI) have been diagnosed with AIDS in the United States and between 1996 and 2003 the proportion of new AIDS cases in Santa Clara County that are among Asian and Pacific Islanders has more than doubled from 4.5% to 9.8%; and

**WHEREAS**, discussion of sexual health, reproductive health and safer sex is still a taboo in many Asian and Pacific Islander communities, thus preventing access to support and informed decision-making, especially among young people; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans for Community Involvement, in partnership with other community-based organizations, will continue to educate Asian and Pacific Island communities on the impact of HIV/AIDS as well as encourage the communities they are working with to advocate against HIV discrimination and stigma; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety of our community are of utmost importance, and the County of Santa Clara is committed to raising awareness of life-threatening diseases such as AIDS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby proclaim May 19, 2006 as

## **NATIONAL ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDERS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this Second Day of May, Two Thousand and Six by unanimous vote.

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James T. Beall, Jr., Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Phyllis Perez  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors