



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: **MARCH 28, 2024** ITEM: **9F**

SUBJECT: **Vote on Whether or Not to Approve Language for Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and Arab American History Month Proclamations**

DATE: March 22, 2024

FROM: Michele Richards, CEO

PRESENTATION BY: Michele Richards, CEO

Action Item

BACKGROUND

At the January 2024 Board meeting, the Community Affairs Committee recommended that the Board of Directors recognize various cultural groups throughout the year through the presentation of a proclamation to a prominent member of each community in recognition of their celebration month.

Staff met with the Community Affairs Committee to draft the attached language for the proclamations honoring Arab American Heritage Month in April and Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff and the Community Affairs Committee recommend approval of the language for the Arab American Heritage Month proclamation to be presented in April and the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month proclamation to be presented in May at the Board of Directors meeting.

**PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE 32ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION REGARDING ARAB AMERICAN
HISTORY MONTH AND THE EQUAL REPRESENTATION OF DIVERSITY
PRESENTED AT THE ORANGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

WHEREAS, the 32nd District Agricultural Association's ("the District") mission is "creating equitable community access to agriculture, entertainment, cultural and educational experiences"; and

WHEREAS, the District's vision is "Orange County's town square - the safe place where the community gathers and finds value"; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the importance of honoring the month of April as Arab American History Month; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the the Arab American community and their achievements in agriculture, the arts, literature, sciences, medicine, and businesses/entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the District celebrates the Arab American community and their contributions to the rich, diverse culture and heritage of Orange County;

FURTHER RESOLVED, OC Fair & Event Center reinforces the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and nondiscrimination as core institutional values and that safety is the underlying element to making any one person or community feel welcome in nearly any setting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the position of OC Fair & Event Center Board of Directors and Staff to enforce the policy prohibiting discrimination of any person on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality or sexual orientation, and to respond to all concerns accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the District hereby proclaims the month of April as Arab American History Month at the OC Fair & Event Center.

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AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HISTORY MONTH AND THE EQUAL
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WHEREAS, the 32nd District Agricultural Association's ("the District") mission is "creating equitable community access to agriculture, entertainment, cultural and educational experiences"; and

WHEREAS, the District's vision is "Orange County's town square - the safe place where the community gathers and finds value"; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the importance of honoring the month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander History Month; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities and their achievements in agriculture, the arts, literature, sciences, medicine, military service, businesses/entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the District celebrates the AAPI communities and their contributions to the rich, diverse culture and heritage of Orange County; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, OC Fair & Event Center reinforces the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and nondiscrimination as core institutional values, and that safety is the underlying element to making any one person or community feel welcome in nearly any setting.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the District hereby proclaims the month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander History Month at the OC Fair & Event Center.