**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HOLI & APAPA**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APAPA AND THE CULTURAL
& HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLI IN 2024**

WHEREAS, Holi, also known as the Festival of Colors, is a vibrant and joyous Hindu festival celebrated predominantly in India and among Indian communities worldwide;

WHEREAS, Holi is an ancient and revered tradition, dating back to ancient Hindu scriptures, and has deep cultural and religious significance for millions of people around the world;

WHEREAS, Holi is a time for people to come together, irrespective of their caste, creed, or background, and celebrate with enthusiasm, love, and respect for one another;

WHEREAS, Holi transcends cultural and religious boundaries, being celebrated by people from various faiths and backgrounds as a symbol of inclusivity and togetherness;

WHEREAS, Holi is celebrated by throwing colorful powders and water on one another, symbolizing the breaking down of social barriers and the spreading of love and happiness;

WHEREAS, recognizing the cultural significance of Holi will promote cultural understanding and appreciation, fostering a sense of unity and respect among diverse communities within our city;

WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) is a non-profit organization founded in 2001 with the mission to advance the Asian Pacific Islander American communities through increased leadership development, civic engagement and active participation in public affairs during the last 22 years;

WHEREAS, APAPA is a local and national nonprofit organization with volunteer driven chapters across the United States with board members and student interns working together to build a better world that is diverse, inclusive, and well-represented. APAPA leads town halls, community forums, voter registration events, and a national internship program with hundreds of students each year hosted by public officials across the country;

WHEREAS, APAPA looks to the future to expand partnerships, chapters, and interns together to further achieve its mission and support community outreach to recognize and celebrate the positive contributions of our diverse communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*,* that the City/County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ (State):

Acknowledges and celebrates the cultural significance of Holi, recognizing it as an important cultural tradition that contributes to our city's diverse cultural heritage; that we encourage residents and communities within our city to participate in Holi celebrations and festivities, promoting inclusivity, diversity, and cultural exchange; and that we extend our warmest wishes to APAPA and all those celebrating Holi within our city, and we hope that this festival of colors brings joy, happiness, and unity to all, irrespective of their backgrounds or beliefs.

Passed and Adopted by the Council/County on this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor/Supervisor/Assembly/Senate