

PROCLAMATION

HONORING the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC)

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Live Well San Diego* initiative to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the *Live Well San Diego* initiative is about uniting all sectors—business, schools, military and veterans organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, the Union of Pan Asian Communities' goals are to improve the well-being and education of the Asian, Pacific Islander, and other ethnic communities of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the Union of Pan Asian Communities is dedicated to providing culturally sensitive services that increase the health, social, and economic self-sufficiency of diverse ethnic groups in San Diego County ; and

WHEREAS, the Union of Pan Asian Communities provides a comprehensive array of services for all ages across the lifespan, including: nutrition, health promotion, disease prevention, behavioral health treatment, recovery services, economic development, and

WHEREAS, the Union of Pan Asian Communities offers affordable housing, technical assistance and supportive services for behavioral health needs throughout San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the Union of Pan Asian Communities is committed to continuing to advance *Live Well San Diego* into the future, and is embracing strategies of this initiative in ways illustrated here:

- Building a Better Service Delivery System by providing a work environment that honors lived experience, uses recovery language, provides education about behavioral health, and promotes stigma reduction,
- Supporting Positive Choices by participating in a community collaboration that conducts a smoking intervention cessation project in the Pacific Islander community and providing school mentorships to prevent gang involvement, school drop-outs and delinquency, and
- Pursuing Policy and Environmental Change by supporting access to health insurance coverage in immigrant and refugee communities by serving as a Covered California Enrollment Entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Bill Horn and all members of the San Diego Board of Supervisors on this 13nd day of May 2015 that they commend the Union of Pan Asian Communities for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and wellness of County residents, and do hereby declare this day to be the **“Union of Pan Asian Communities LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY.”**