WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area celebrates May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, annually; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area QTAPI Coalition was formed on February 7, 2019 to build community, facilitate intergenerational transfer of knowledge, recognize our historical context and interdependence, and celebrate our unique cultural heritage and identity; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area QTAPI coalition expanded on February 17, 2022 to include organizations serving AAPI and/or LGBTQ+ residents of Silicon Valley, including the GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA), Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), Parivar Bay Area, and Silicon Valley Pride; and

WHEREAS, the GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) have been organizing the QTAPI community in the Greater Bay Area since 1988, and whose members work and live in all parts of the Bay Area, including Silicon Valley, and are proud to be seen, heard, and recognized for the powerful community we are; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) was founded to meet the needs of AAPI community members seeking culturally and linguistically sensitive care, and now offers health, behavioral health, and wellness services, including programming such as HIV Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) and Getting the Low Down on Wellness (GLOW) that specifically targets LGBTQ+ clients; and

WHEREAS, Parivar Bay Area formed in 2018, co-founded by Anjali Rimi as the South Asian queer trans organization that works to uplift South Asian trans hijrah kinnar and gender non-conforming people, API Transmasculine Anthology formed in 2019, originating in 2017 during a writing workshop at the first API TransFusion Retreat, seeking to raise visibility of API transmasculine narratives by including a broad range of art and writing that reflects the diversity of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Silicon Valley Pride formerly known as San Jose Pride formed in 1975 to promote public education and public awareness of the importance of diversity and inclusion as well as the personal rights and civil liberties of the LGBTQ+ community, to charitably meet the needs of the community, and to engage in activities that promote celebrating authenticity. The non-profit organization consists of LGBTQ+ API board members, Saldy Suriben and Sera Fernando with Nicole Altamirano, Robert Peabody III, Bryan Rodriguez, and Jeffrey Ridley; and

RESOLVED, That the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors declares May 29, 2022 through June 4, 2022 as the First QTAPI Week in Santa Clara County; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County of Santa Clara will support a strong and organized Queer & Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander community, promote QTAPI Pride throughout Santa Clara County, and will encourage residents of Santa Clara County to participate in QTAPI Week activities.