

WHEREAS, in November 2016, Ash Kalra was elected to the 27th Assembly District to represent the downtown San José, East San José, Evergreen and parts of the South San José areas;

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Ash Kalra is the first Indian American elected to the State Legislature; he serves as the Chair of the Aging and Long Term Care Committee and also sits on the Education, Judiciary, Labor and Employment, and Water, Parks and Wildlife Committees.;

WHEREAS, throughout his career as a publicly elected official, Assemblyman Ash Kalra has been a strong advocate for the Asian Pacific Islanders (API) communities. He supports the Vietnamese-American community in San José to stand up against human rights abuses in Viet Nam and worked closely with Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Asian Law Alliance, Vietnamese Volunteer Foundation, Inc. and other local non-profit organizations primarily serving the Asian Pacific Islanders communities;

WHEREAS, as a member of the San José City Council, Ash Kalra spearheaded the establishment of the first-ever Office of Immigrant Affairs for the City of San José to serve the immigrant communities including hundreds of thousands of API origin;

WHEREAS, prior to serving in the State Assembly, Ash Kalra served on the Board of the Santa Clara County Bar Association, the Asian Law Alliance, Somos Mayfair, and the South Asian Bar Association. He also served 8 years on the San José City Council and 11 years as an attorney in the Santa Clara Public Defender's Office;

WHEREAS, as State Assemblyman, Ash Kalra has supported greater education access for API students to higher education by increasing slots for California students to attend the University of California and University of Southern California, as well as reducing the financial burdens for the students; and,

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 23, 2018, Asian Law Alliance is celebrating 41 years of Justice, Dignity and Equality; the Asian Law Alliance 41st Anniversary Dinner serves to honor individuals from the community, business, and legal fields for their positive impacts on the community and Assemblyman Ash Kalra will be honored as Community Impact Honoree at this year's gathering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby recognize and commend

Assemblyman Ash Kalra

for his dedication and service to improve the quality of life for the Asian Pacific Islander community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this Twentieth Day of March, Two Thousand and Eighteen by unanimous vote.

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