PROCLAMATION

Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends is one of the oldest continuously-existing gay Asian organizations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends was born out of a profound need for gay Asians to have a forum in which to discuss problems and needs of mutual concern, and to look for solutions to the issues facing them; and

WHEREAS, issues addressed by Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends include their perceived status as sometimes less than full members of the gay community at large, and the differences between Asian-Americans born in the United States and those coming here from Asian countries; and

WHEREAS, goals of the organization include helping members to develop and hone their leadership skills, building solidarity between Asian gay men and lesbians, and also building solidarity between US-born Asian-Americans and those who have come here from other countries; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends will be celebrating their 30th anniversary this December and will continue to be a place where gay Asians and their friends can come together to support one another and share their unique and common bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby congratulates Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends on the occasion of their 30th anniversary and for their commitment and continued leadership in the Asian-American community and the community at large.

Resolved this 15th day of November 2010

John Heilman
Mayor

Lindsay Horvath
Councilmember

Abbe Land
Councilmember

Mayor Pro Tempore

Jeffrey Prang
Councilmember