WHEREAS, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is the preeminent professional development organization and voice for 50,000 Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. NAPABA represents the interests of nearly 90 national, state, and local Asian Pacific American bar associations.

WHEREAS, NAPABA is the national voice for the Asian Pacific American legal profession; promotes justice, equity, and opportunity for Asian Pacific Americans; and fosters professional development, legal scholarship, advocacy, and community involvement.

WHEREAS, NAPABA has a long-standing commitment to supporting the civil rights of all members of our community, including our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) brothers and sisters;

WHEREAS, NAPABA recognizes that there are legal, cultural, and social issues specific to the Asian Pacific American LGBTQ community;

WHEREAS, NAPABA recognizes that Asian Pacific American LGBTQ people have a human right to be free from discrimination, threats, and violence based on their LGBTQ status and a constitutional right to be treated equally under the law;

WHEREAS, numerous jurisdictions have considered or are considering legislation that would discriminate against, harm, or otherwise deny equal rights from Asian Pacific Americans who identify or are perceived as LGBTQ; and

WHEREAS, NAPABA condemns all laws, regulations and rules or practices that discriminate on the basis that an Asian Pacific American individual is LGBTQ.

WHEREAS, 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a momentous historic event where the LGBTQ community and allies protested against the discrimination and harassment faced from the New York Police Department, and sparking the very first Pride March.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NAPABA:

1. **Urges the government, at local, state, and federal levels to repeal any existing discriminatory and unjust laws, regulations, and practices with deliberate speed and ensure the safety and equal protection under the law of all Asian Pacific American LGBTQ people.**

2. **Urges the government, at local, state and federal levels, to work to defend and protect Asian Pacific American victims of anti-LGBTQ discrimination or conduct, including threats and violence, and to recognize and support their colleagues who take these cases as human rights advocates.**
3. Urges the government, other bar associations and all attorneys in jurisdictions where there are such discriminatory laws or incidents targeting Asian Pacific American LGBTQ people to work to defend victims of anti-LGBTQ discrimination or conduct, and to recognize and support their colleagues who take these cases as human rights advocates.

4. Urges Congress to pass and the President to enact the Equality Act, a bill that passed the House of Representatives May 17, 2019 that would amend the Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination “on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition of an individual, as well as because of sex-based stereotypes.”

5. Authorizes its president, board, and staff to communicate the content of this resolution to its members, affiliate and associate organizations, other bar associations, members of Congress, the Administration, the press, and others and to take steps to implement this resolution, as they deem necessary.

6. Supports this resolution as a policy priority until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.