

Honoring the Victims of the Oikos University Shooting

WHEREAS, on Monday, April 2nd, 2012, seven individuals were killed and many others were injured in a horrific shooting at Oikos University in Oakland, CA, most of whom were Asian and Pacific Islanders (APIs); and

WHEREAS, Community Health for Asian Americans (CHAA), Korean Community Center of the East Bay (KCCEB), and Asian Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS) formed the Healing and Resiliency Collaborative to address the immediate mental health needs of the Oikos tragedy victims, their families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, on December 8th, 2012, CHAA, KCCEB, and ACMHS are hosting a Healing and Resiliency Summit sponsored by the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, this summit will convene individuals in the community in memory of those who lost their lives in this tragic incident; and

WHEREAS, it will feature a panel discussion on different API community responses to tragedy and trauma, workshops on cultural wellness practices addressing trauma, resources for APIs, and opportunities to receive consultation with mental health professionals from several area organizations; and

WHEREAS, this convening will begin a dialogue on community responses to tragedy, especially for Asian and Pacific Islanders living in the Bay Area and initiate the effort to build community capacity for long-term mental health services through engagement and early intervention; and

WHEREAS, this horrific incident was a tragedy for the entire Bay Area community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, does hereby condemn the tragic shooting at Oikos University and commends the convening of the Healing and Resiliency Summit to honor the memories of those lost and begin a community dialogue about community responses to tragedy and trauma.

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