

# County of San Diego California

## PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Ron Roberts

### HONORING TOM HOM

*WHEREAS, Tom Hom, the son of Chinese immigrants, is a politician, businessman and civic leader with a long history of serving San Diego residents; and*

*WHEREAS, when he was 30, Tom Hom's wife suggested he start keeping a diary, insisting that he could "be famous one day;" and*

*WHEREAS, over the next 55 years, Tom Hom jotted down his thoughts and feelings about growing up in San Diego as a Chinese-American; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1963, Tom Hom became the first non-Caucasian elected to the San Diego City Council; and*

*WHEREAS, after serving in the City Council, Tom Hom served in the California House of Representatives from 1969 to 1971; and*

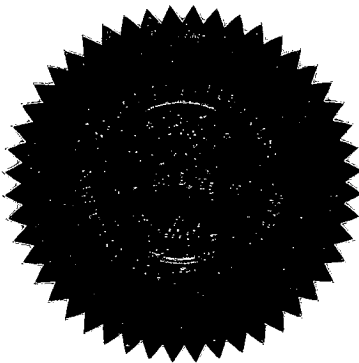
*WHEREAS, drawing on those experiences, and many, many more, Tom Hom eventually sat down to write his memoir, Rabbit on a Bumpy Road, using a three foot high stack of diaries he had kept during his career; and*

*WHEREAS, Tom Hom's memoir traces the life of a boy from San Diego's Chinatown who couldn't speak English when he started kindergarten, to a man who transformed himself into a community leader and a key player during a time of significant social and economic change; and*

*WHEREAS, the occasion of Tom Hom's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday provides San Diego the opportunity to celebrate the life of a local leader, who has lived up to his wife's declaration from five decades ago, and become famous; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring those individuals who are dedicated to the best ideals of public service, and Tom Hom is one such worthy individual; NOW THEREFORE,*

*BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Dianne Jacob and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017, that they commend **TOM HOM** for his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to area residents, and do hereby declare this day to be "**TOM HOM DAY**" throughout San Diego County.*



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