WHEREAS: The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has sicken people of all races, ethnicities, ages and backgrounds; and,

WHEREAS: Individuals--who have been in close contact with a person known to have tested positive for COVID-19 or who live and/or work in areas where the Coronavirus cases have risen--are being encouraged to quarantine themselves; and,

WHEREAS: Someone who has completed the process of self-quarantine or has been released from isolation should no longer pose a risk of infection to other; and,

WHEREAS: On March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and,

WHEREAS: California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 15, 2020 called for all bars, wineries, nightclubs and brewpubs to close; and,

WHEREAS: Governor Newsom also has urged older adults and individuals with chronic and pre-existing health conditions to isolate themselves at home to reduce the potential spread of Coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, on the evening of March 15, 2020 took to social and mainstream media to announce that he is taking executive action to close all movie theatres, entertainment venues and gyms until March 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS: The Asian Business Association is one of the leading advocates for business and commercial opportunities for Asian entrepreneurs and Asian-owned and operated businesses across Southern California; and,

WHEREAS: The Asian Pacific CPA Association is an active trade group for CPAs, Attorneys, Bankers, Realtors, Financial Advisors, and other Business Advisors which provides professional education to the Asian community and also serves as a forum for mutual professional growth and development; and,
WHEREAS: The Asian Business Association and the Asian Pacific CPA Association are grateful for the decisive leadership of elected and appointed officials on combating COVID-19, and supports their recommendations on keeping the public safe; and,

WHEREAS: The public's attention should be focused on protecting themselves, co-workers, and their families from contracting COVID-19 and not be distracted from their inability to complete their state and federal tax returns on time; and,

WHEREAS: The Asian Business Association and Asian Pacific CPA Association formally acknowledge California State Controller Betty T. Yee for supporting the health and wellness of Californians by extending the official deadline to file 2019 state tax returns; and,

WHEREAS: Many small businesses, entrepreneurs, and individuals rely on in-person consultants with accounting and tax professionals to complete their tax filings by April 15, 2020; and,

WHEREAS: These in-person consultations pose potential health risks for both the tax preparer and filer; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Asian Business Association of Los Angeles, in conjunction with the Asian Pacific CPA Association, strongly recommends that the official Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax filing deadline to be extended until July 15, 2020 without penalties.

Dated: Monday, March 16, 2020

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