

# Proclamation



WHEREAS, the rich tapestry of American culture is woven with the vibrant threads of diverse ethnicities, traditions, and histories; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans have played an integral role in shaping the fabric of our nation, enriching our society with their talents, resilience, and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Asian Pacific Americans have demonstrated unwavering determination, innovation, and perseverance, overcoming challenges and adversities with grace and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month traces its origins back to 1978, when Congress passed a resolution designating the week of May 4th as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week, chosen to commemorate the first Japanese immigrants who arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, largely built by Chinese immigrant laborers; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a month-long celebration, recognizing the need to further honor and recognize the diverse cultures, traditions, and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our nation's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month serves as an opportunity to celebrate the resilience, achievements, and cultural richness of Asian Pacific Americans, while also acknowledging the injustices and struggles they have faced, including discrimination, exclusion, and prejudice; and


WHEREAS, as we commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, let us reflect on the significant role Asian Pacific Americans have played in shaping the economic, political, and cultural landscape of our nation, and let us reaffirm our commitment to fostering inclusivity, promoting understanding, and embracing the richness of our multicultural society;


WHEREAS, I, Ron Morrison, Mayor of National City, do hereby urge all Americans to join in celebrating the heritage, culture, and accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans and to reflect on the importance of diversity, equality, and unity in building a brighter future for all.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I, Ron Morrison, Mayor by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, affix the official seal and do hereby on behalf of the City Council, proclaim the month of May 2024, as

## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

  
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