

Proclamation

Be it known that

Whereas,

Austin residents who trace their ancestry to Asia and the Pacific Islands have contributed much to the City with their talents and hard work; these residents speak many languages, honor countless traditions and practice different faiths, but they are bound by a shared commitment to freedom and liberty, while the diversity among Asian/Pacific Americans adds to the cultural fabric of our society; and,

Whereas,

The Asian and Pacific Islander Community in Austin is the fastest growing demographic group, doubling roughly every twelve years comprising of approximately 8% of the City of Austin's population; and,

Whereas,

During Asian Pacific American Heritage Month we celebrate Austin's AAPI communities by honoring the many contributions they've made over the years to our city's culture and economy; and

Whereas,

In the wake of COVID-19, AAPI communities are experiencing fear and anxiety as more and more hate crimes against their community are reported; and

Whereas,

The Asian American Quality of Life Commission was created in 2014 to represent the growing Asian and Pacific Islander Community in the City of Austin and brings this proclamation forward today; and

Whereas,

It is critical that we stand together as one Austin, now, more than ever;

Now, Therefore,

I, Steve Adler, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, do hereby proclaim

May 2020

As

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

in Austin.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the seal of the City
of Austin to be affixed this 1st Day of
May in the Year Two Thousand Nineteen*

Steve Adler, Mayor, City of Austin