



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 American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders 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, 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 Advisory 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 2022 as ***Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 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