

Proclamation

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 2023

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage in the United States was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the first Japanese immigration to the United States in May 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869, completed by a majority of Chinese immigrant workers; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse groups in the United States, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community reminds us that though we all have distinct backgrounds and origins, we are bound in common purpose by our shared hopes and dreams for ourselves and our children; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the Asian American and Pacific Islander community's long and deeply-rooted legacy in the United States, we must also acknowledge both proud and painful chapters in our history; and

WHEREAS, today, Asian American and Pacific Islanders live in the United States and through their actions, enrich our history, society, and culture; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the Asian American and Pacific Islander community who have enriched Redwood City's history and cultural vibrancy; and

WHEREAS, this month, we honor the irreplaceable roles they have placed in our past and we recommit to ensuring opportunities exist for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Redwood City and encourage all people to observe this month in honor of the history made by Asian American and Pacific Islanders.

Date: May 22, 2023




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