# IN RECOGNITION OF
# ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
## MAY 2021

**WHEREAS,**     ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS WERE INITIALLY CELEBRATED IN 1978.  IN 1990, THEIR RECOGNITION EXPANDED TO A MONTH-LONG OBSERVATION IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

**WHEREAS,**     THE MONTH OF MAY WAS CHOSEN TO COMMEMORATE THE IMMIGRATION OF THE FIRST JAPANESE TO THE UNITED STATES IN MAY 1843, AND TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMPLETION OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD ON MAY 10, 1869, BY A MAJORITY OF CHINESE IMMIGRANT WORKERS WHO LAID THE TRACKS; AND

**WHEREAS,**     ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS HAVE HELPED BUILD THIS COUNTRY WITH EACH SUCCESSIVE GENERATION AND MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARTS AND SCIENCE, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, EDUCATION, CIVIL AND LABOR RIGHTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND MILITARY SERVICE FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY; AND

**WHEREAS**,     THIS YEAR, THE FIRST PERSON OF SOUTH ASIAN DESCENT HOLDS THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT; AND

**WHEREAS,**     ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IS IMPORTANT TO FOSTERING GREATER UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE AND SOCIAL COHESION AMONG PEOPLE OF ALL ETHNICITIES AND TO HELP COMBAT PREJUDICE; AND

**WHEREAS,**     THE RECENT EMERGENCE OF VIOLENCE AIMED AT ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS REQUIRES THAT WE RECOMMIT, THROUGH ACTION AND SOLIDARITY, FOR MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE OF OUR CITY'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY; AND

**WHEREAS,**     THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD CALLS UPON ALL RESIDENTS TO COMMEMORATE THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION FOR THE NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS, SACRIFICES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS; NOW

**THEREFORE,**     JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2021 AS:

### ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SIGNED THIS 19TH DAY OF
MAY 2021 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA


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MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA SHERWOOD
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER LINDA SHERWOOD