

Proclamation

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month is a period for the duration of the month of May for recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of our United States.

The first ten days were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed May 10, 1869.

In 1992, the United States Congress expanded the observance to a month-long celebration. Recent hate crimes and acts of violence against Asian/Pacific Islander citizens has caused and given us the opportunity to reflect on the biases that still exist in our society today. The City of Mill Creek is proud to recognize these culturally significant contributors to the cause of freedom and prosperity in our nation.

Whereas: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage (AAPIH) in the United States was celebrated in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992; and

Whereas: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month seeks to honor and recognize the contributions of residents from Asia, India and the Pacific Islands; and

Whereas: today more than 21 million Asian American Pacific Islanders live in these United States; and through their actions, make America a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure nation; and

Whereas: Asian American and Pacific Islanders have distinguished themselves as leading researchers in science, medicine and technology and set the pace for work ethic in our nation; and

Whereas: tens of thousands of Asian American and Pacific Islanders have fought, and continue to fight for the cause of freedom in the United States Armed Services, both past and present; and

Whereas: Mill Creek's population is roughly 20% Asian American and Pacific Islander and includes devoted community members who serve as artists, business owners, educators, health care professionals, first responders and other professional groups and personnel; and

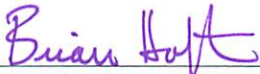
Whereas: while we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans that enrich our history, society, and culture, we must also acknowledge the additional hard work and determination that individuals must put forth to be heard and seen; and that these additional efforts are a result of inequitable institutional and systemic injustices such as those most recently manifested in racist attacks on Asian Americans during the COVID 19 pandemic; and

Whereas: we the City of Mill Creek believe that injustices to any race, religion, color, or creed, is detrimental to the cause of freedom and inclusion in our community.

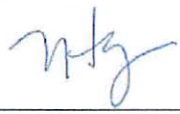
NOW, THEREFORE, we the City of Mill Creek, Washington do hereby proclaim the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month and ask our citizenry to join in our celebration on Tuesday, May 26, 2021.

Signed this 25th day of May 2021.





Brian Holtzclaw, Mayor

Attest 

Naomi Fay, City Clerk



Michael Ciaravino, City Manager