



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Since 1992, the month of May has been recognized nationally as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month which highlights the many Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent whose daily contributions positively impact the economic, political, intellectual, and cultural diversity of our nation; and

WHEREAS: In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week with the United States Congress later expanding the observance to a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS: The month of May was chosen to pay tribute to the immigration of the first Japanese citizens to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to memorialize the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, whose work was led by Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS: For generations, people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have played a significant role in virtually every sector of American life; and

WHEREAS: Some individuals are on the forefront of scientific advancement and information technology, while others are members of our courageous Armed Forces and have fought tirelessly for the freedoms we are fortunate to enjoy; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville, the Mayor's Asian-American Advisory Board (MAAAB) has observed Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month for more than a decade, joining cities across the nation in recognizing the valuable contributions of these citizens and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourages citizens to commemorate, celebrate and understand the contributions and history of the Asian-American experience in the United States.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 26th day of April
in the year Two Thousand 21

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA