## **PROCLAMATION**



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month is observed during the month of May to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Appleton is proud to be home to a large, deeply-rooted Asian American and Pacific Islander population that contributes greatly to our rich history, economy, and culture in all areas of life in Appleton, including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, education, and law enforcement, and is to be honored as a central part of our City's story; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific American history and diverse culture are marked by a struggle for freedom, equity, and justice, prevailing over the adversity of exclusion, persecution, incarceration, and disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, diversity represents one of our greatest strengths, and by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Asian American and Pacific Islander residents, we also recognize the importance of continued work to make our community a more welcoming place for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, we are proud to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and commemorate the essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments that Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made in Appleton.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as

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in Appleton and urge all citizens to honor Asian American and Pacific Islanders in our community, celebrate their heritage, and promote a culture of dignity and respect for all people in our community.

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Signed and sealed this 3 day of May 2021.

JACOB A. WOODFORD MAYOR OF APPLETON