

PROCLAMATION

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month ~ May 2023

WHEREAS, "Asian American and Pacific Islander" encompasses many ethnic groups with diverse backgrounds, histories, languages, and cultures. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebrates the collective accomplishments of these communities; and

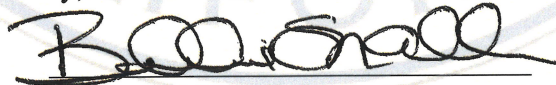
WHEREAS, Jason Jong is a community advocate, cultural connector, percussionist, and creator of inclusive arts and cultural experiences who for nearly 30 years has played supporting roles as board member, staff, and advisor to several public and nonprofit organizations in the Greater Sacramento area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Jason co-founded the Sacramento Asian Pacific Cultural Village, presenters of the Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival, and producers of Asian Pacific CultureFest, co-founded in 2022 with Jennifer and Remy Tokunaga of The Creative Space. Jason is a co-founding member of APIs Rise Fund, a giving circle working to increase the capacity and impact of Asian Pacific Islander philanthropic giving in the Sacramento Region, as well as a co-founding board member of Asian American Liberation Network, whose mission is to build power in the Asian American community to advance social justice and collective liberation; and

WHEREAS, through his work, Jason hopes to create and support meaningful community experiences that uplift traditional and contemporary arts, creativity, and cultural wisdom, with the ultimate goal of promoting dialogue, healing, and social justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Elk Grove and recognize Jason Jong for his commitment to building cultural capacity, advancing the recognition that all struggles are intimately connected and creating the kind of world we desire is not just a value, but an action.

SIGNED this 24th day of May, 2023.



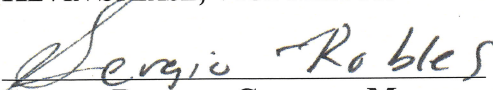
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