PROCLAMATION

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month ~ May 2021

- **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**, generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation: growing businesses, bringing innovation, strengthening our economy, creating jobs, and developing leaders; and
- WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community continues strong traditions educating future generations of a shared heritage, promoting friendship, communication, community service, engagement, and involvement while fostering intergenerational leadership and securing rights and access to equal opportunities to create a fairer and more just society for all; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA) Elk Grove Chapter, which formed in 2020, has contributed to the Elk Grove community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic with their contributions to local vaccine clinics, mask donations, and continued education to the Elk Grove community and future student leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Elk Grove and encourages the community to promote unity in diversity and international understanding, to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world, and to inspire solidarity based on understanding and dialogue.

SIGNED this 26th day of May, 2021.

BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR

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