

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 246

Approved June 1, 2021

WHEREAS, The month of May is federally recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month per Presidential Proclamation 6130 which was signed into law on May 7, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Generations of Asian Pacific Americans have played a key role in the City of Providence's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Today, people of Asian and Pacific ancestry continue to bring significant contributions to the city by setting high standards of achievement; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) have played a vital role in the building of this nation, from Chinese immigrants constructing the transcontinental railroad, to Japanese, Korean, and Filipino immigrants building a thriving economy in areas such as Hawaii and California, to the Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian people who have made substantial contributions to the Providence community; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is intended to highlight and celebrate Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans in our community; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders are an integral part of the Providence community, as frontline workers, educators, artists, activists, business owners, policymakers, veterans, military service members, youth sports coaches, medical professionals, and many other areas in which they help our city move forward; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of increasing violent attacks against the AAPI communities across the country, it has never been more important to recognize the contributions of our AAPI community; celebrate and support our AAPI and immigrant communities' cultural heritage; and fight back against anti-Asian racism and white supremacy in order to meet this moment and transform our systems to see and value every life; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Providence takes this month to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history, culture, and achievements of the country as a whole and to the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognizes the month of May each year as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 20 2021  
READ AND PASSED

  
JOHN J. IGLIZZI, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor  
Date: 6/1/21