

Proclamation



WHEREAS: Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage in the United States was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992; and

WHEREAS: during AAPI Heritage Month, we acknowledge Asian American and Pacific Islanders have lived and worked in the United States of America for more than 200 years, contributing to the economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science and technological developments despite institutional and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS: during AAPI Heritage Month, we acknowledge the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance AAPI must put forth to be heard and seen and that these additional efforts are a result of inequitable and systemic injustices; and

WHEREAS: despite these contributions and leadership, the role of AAPI in U.S. history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS: racially motivated discrimination and harassment is at a high with a national spike in hate crimes against the AAPI community, especially targeting its Muslim, South Asian, and Southeast Asian members; and

WHEREAS: AAPI community members have been disproportionately impacted by incidences of hate and discrimination during the COVID 19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as:

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in the City of Pompano Beach and encourage all residents to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders to our country, state and country.

DONE this 26th day of April, 2022.



REX HARDIN
MAYOR