

**ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2023**

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month is celebrated nationally during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month originated as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week in 1987 and was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1990. Renamed in 2009, the month of May is observed as AAPI Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, this month is a time to honor, commemorate, and celebrate the innumerable contributions and accomplishments made by members of AANHPI communities across the country and in Fremont; and

WHEREAS, this month we recognize the entrepreneurship and fortitude of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders who have helped build our country and shape the American dream for centuries; and

WHEREAS, generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders have helped develop and defend the United States, often in the face of tremendous racial and cultural prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders have a profound impact on our society as leaders in all facets of American life, thriving as athletes, public servants, entrepreneurs and artists; and

WHEREAS, during this month we must also shed light on the systemic inequities that adversely affect our AANHPI communities, such as anti-Asian racial violence and discrimination, which became more apparent throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in our efforts to make the City of Fremont a more welcoming and inclusive city, we will continue to foster intentional connections with our local Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders communities and organizations, through dialogue, education, and advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont, proclaims the month of May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and congratulates them for their outstanding contributions to preserving and sharing their cultures and customs with the community.