



Proclamation

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 2023

WHEREAS, in 1977, Congress introduced a Resolution to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Week, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint Resolution for its recognition; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a bill passed by Congress to expand Asian Pacific Heritage from a week to a month-long celebration; and in May 1992, the month of May was permanently designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, understanding Asian and Pacific Islander history is an important part of celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; the history and cultures of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are inextricably tied to the story of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge these Americans for their significant contributions to education, government, industry and commerce, agriculture, science, literature and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is a rich and diverse population, composed of nearly 45 distinct ethnicities and over 100 language dialects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Tolleson, recognizing the countless contributions that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made in helping our great nation.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Tolleson, on the twenty-third day of May, two thousand twenty-three, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Tolleson to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



Juan F. Rodriguez

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: *Crystal Zamora*

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk