

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** during the month of May, we celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, and pay tribute to the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched our history and are instrumental in our future success; and
- Whereas,** today more than 20 million Asian American Pacific Islanders live in the United States, including more than 300,000 living AAPI veterans and Vice President Kamala Harris, the first person of South Asian descent and the first woman to hold the Office of the Vice President of the United States; and
- Whereas,** more than 33 percent of Alameda's population is AAPI and includes devoted community members who serve as artists, business owners, educators, elected officials, lawyers and judges, clergy members, military personnel, and the courageous AAPIs who have served on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic as health care professionals, first responders, teachers, and other essential workers; and
- Whereas,** there has been an increase in anti-AAPI, xenophobic, and racist harassment, violence, and hate crimes across the United States and the Bay Area, often directed toward women and elders of Asian and Pacific Islander descent; and
- Whereas,** as we reflect on the tradition of leadership, resilience, and courage shown by the AAPI community, we also condemn and denounce acts of anti-AAPI bias, and continue to seek opportunities to heal together as we fight racism and xenophobia; and
- Whereas,** we celebrate the achievements and contributions of the AAPI community, which enrich our society through diversity of cultures, languages, and religions; and
- Whereas,** Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders help make America a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure nation.

**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, on behalf of the Alameda City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

## Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in the City of Alameda and encourage all Alamedans to learn more about Asian American and Pacific Islander history, people, and cultures.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

