



## Legislation Text

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**TO: Mayor and Commissioners**  
**FROM: Katerri Johnson, City Clerk, Office of the City Clerk**  
**THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM**  
**DATE: May 3, 2022**

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**Recommended Action:**

Motion to declare May as Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**Background:**

The month of May was chosen as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese citizen, Nakahama Manjiro, to the United States on May 7, 1843, but also the anniversary of the May 10, 1869 completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad, built with the labor of nearly 20,000 Chinese immigrants. As we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) that enrich our history, society and culture, we must also acknowledge a darker aspect of the AAPI experience in America - structural discrimination, prejudice and injustice that most recently manifested itself in racist attacks on Asian Americans related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**City Attorney Review:**

N/A

**Funding Source/Financial Impact:**

N/A

**Timing of Request:**

N/A