



**Proclamation
in Recognition of
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
May 1 – May 31, 2022**

- WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage in the United States was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992; and
- WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month seeks to honor and recognize the contributions of residents from Asia, India, and the Pacific Islands; and
- WHEREAS, Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have distinguished themselves as leading researchers in science, medicine, and technology, as innovative farmers and ranchers, as distinguished lawyers, judges, and government leaders, as prominent contributors in the arts, literature, and sports, as war heroes who defended our country from fascism, and as peacetime healthcare heroes currently on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, today more than 20 million Asian American Pacific Islanders live in the United States and through their actions, make America a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure nation; and
- WHEREAS, while we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders that enrich our history, society, and culture, we must also acknowledge the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance AAPI individuals must put forth to be heard and seen and that these additional efforts are a result of inequitable institutional and systemic injustices such as those most recently manifested in racist attacks on Asian Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, despite their contributions and leadership, the role of AAPI individuals in the U.S. has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the teaching and study of American history; and
- WHEREAS, in the City of San Rafael, and encourage everyone to learn more about Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage, and work to combat racism and xenophobia as we celebrate this month.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael proclaim May 1 through May 31, 2022, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and do hereby reaffirm our shared values of compassion, equity, inclusion, and diversity; and our commitment to action and building a larger world in which everyone is valued and understood; and we encourage our local community to likewise commit to these values and take action.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kurtz".

Mayor