



**Proclamation in Recognition of
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
May 1 — May 31, 2023**

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes, celebrates, and increases awareness of the rich history, contributions, and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Island Americans; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was originally chosen to coincide with two milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) in the United States, and Chinese workers' role in building the transcontinental railroad, completed May 10, 1869; and

WHEREAS, today, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are the fastest growing racial group in the United States. AAPI Heritage Month celebrates the unique journey of all AAPI immigrants and citizens in the United States and their unique life experiences, traditions and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for 2023 is *"Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity"* which is especially paramount now as the public sector has demonstrated its ability to successfully be agile and pivot workplace processes to achieve organizational goals throughout and after the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael is committed to promoting equal opportunity, cultural diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging among our workforce.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 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 building a larger world in which everyone is valued, understood and has an equal opportunity to thrive.



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Mayor