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Type: Resolution

Title: Commemoration of May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

May 24, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Lee, Manaa-Hoppenworth, Silverstein, Conway, Moore, Ramirez-Rosa, Hall, Waguespack, Nugent, Martin, Reilly, Vasquez, Mitts, Rodriguez, Lawson, O'Shea, Dowell, Mosley, Scott, Hadden, Knudsen, Chico, Villegas, Lopez, Gutierrez, Sposato and Clerk Valencia, a resolution commemorating Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. JOHNSON". Below the signature, the word "Mayor" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed in the United States during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the City of Chicago recognizes and celebrates the diverse and vibrant cultures, breadth of achievement, and remarkable contributions of these communities; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the United States Congress passed Public Law 102-450, designating May of each year as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month,” and authorizing and requesting the President of the United States and the governor of each state to issue an annual proclamation to observe the month; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 United States census, the Asian population has grown to 189,857, a 31 percent increase from the previous census; and

WHEREAS, Asians are the fastest-growing racial or ethnic group in Chicago and now constitute approximately 6.8 percent of the City’s residents; and

WHEREAS, Alderperson Nicole Lee of the 11th Ward became the first Chinese American and first Asian American woman to serve on the City Council upon first assuming office on March 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Alderperson Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth of the 48th Ward became the first Filipino American to serve as alderperson upon assuming office on May 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders represent Chicago at various levels of the State and federal governments, including U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi, Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita, Illinois State Senator Ram Villivalam, and Illinois State Representatives Theresa Mah, Hoan Huynh, and Kevin Olickal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is committed to celebrating the multitude of ethnicities, languages, and experiences that enrich and strengthen our City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of May, 2023, do hereby designate May 2023 as “Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month” in the City of Chicago, and call upon all Chicago to observe this month and recognize the rich heritage of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.