

Joint Proclamation Declaring May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Condemning Discrimination and Violence towards Individuals of Asian Descent

WHEREAS Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is observed during the month of May to celebrate and acknowledge Asian American and Pacific Islander history, culture, and achievements; and

WHEREAS Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month originated with a congressional bill in June of 1977, and on April 30, 2021, President Biden issued Presidential Proclamation 8369 proclaiming May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS we recognize the significant contributions, accomplishments, and leadership of generations of AAPI individuals in our country, as well as locally here in Orinda, as we continue to work to create a more supportive, inclusive, and equitable community that fully embraces all individuals of Asian descent;

WHEREAS we are also aware of and deeply concerned about the troubling history of discrimination towards individuals of Asian descent since California's earliest days, as well as the dramatic increase in the violent and hateful crimes and incidents targeting AAPI communities during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, we will not tolerate and must condemn this discrimination and continued acts of violence and hate; and

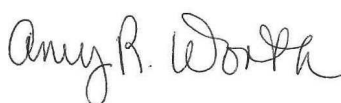
WHEREAS through our values of inclusiveness, humanity, and respect, we honor AAPI individuals and stand in solidarity with the AAPI community as we work to dismantle systemic racism; and

WHEREAS the Orinda Union School District and the City of Orinda jointly adopted a Proclamation supporting Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Action in our community in November 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Orinda and the Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees, hereby declare the month of May 2021 as ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH in the City of Orinda.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City Council of the City of Orinda and the Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim and 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.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Proclamation was adopted by the City Council of the City of Orinda on the 18th day of May 2021 and the Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees, on the 10th day of May, 2021.



Amy R. Worth
City of Orinda Mayor



Elizabeth Daoust
School Board President