



Proclamation

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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 (or AAPI) Heritage Month seeks to honor and recognize the contributions of residents from Asia, India and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the AAPI community has made significant contributions to the Brighton community, from being some of the area's earliest farmers and business owners to healthcare professionals and educators, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, during AAPI Heritage Month, we celebrate the achievements and contributions of the AAPI community that enrich our history, society and culture, while we must also acknowledge a darker aspect of the AAPI experience in America - structural discrimination, prejudice and injustice; and

WHEREAS, Asian American Pacific Islanders have distinguished themselves as leading researchers in science, medicine, and technology; innovative farmers and ranchers; distinguished lawyers, judges and government leaders; in the arts, literature, and sports; as war heroes who defended our country from fascism; and peacetime healthcare heroes currently on the front lines of the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the Brighton City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Brighton, Colorado, and encourage all Brightonians to learn more about Asian American Pacific Islander heritage and work to combat racism and xenophobia as we celebrate this month in honor of the AAPI community.

DATED this 3rd day of May 2022



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