

# City of Pleasant Hill

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese citizen, Nakahama Manjiro, to the United States on May 7, 1843, and also the anniversary of the May 10, 1869 completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad, built with the back-breaking labor of nearly 20,000 Chinese immigrants; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed during the month of May to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, California and particularly the Bay Area is proud to be home to a large Asian American and Pacific Islander population that contributes greatly to the prosperity and enrichment of our Country; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian American and 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; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are deeply-rooted in both the United States, California and the Bay Area, reminding us of both proud and painful chapters of our history; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in California have shared their rich culture and traditions while representing their communities through public service and advocacy; we must also acknowledge a darker aspect of the AAPI experience in America - structural discrimination, prejudice and injustice that most recently manifested itself in racist attacks on Asian Americans related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and*

*WHEREAS, diversity represents one of our greatest strengths, and by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Asian American and Pacific Islanders, Pleasant Hill and the Bay Area celebrates the importance of inclusion to building a brighter future for all of our citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, Pleasant Hill is committed to providing comprehensive support to ensure that the Bay Area is equitable and welcoming to all people; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the great pride and vibrancy of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Pleasant Hill and the Bay Area, whose abilities, essential contributions, sacrifices and accomplishments, strengthen California's economy, diverse culture, and communities*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Sue Noack, Mayor of the City of Pleasant Hill, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in Pleasant Hill, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



SUE NOACK, Mayor

May 3, 2021