

Whereas, we want 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, Asian American and Pacific Islander men, women, and LGBQTIA plus community continue to make valuable contributions to all areas of life in Renton, including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, education, and law enforcement; and

Whereas, organizations like Asian Pacific Directors Coalition (APDC) was formed to support many events in the Greater Seattle area and in particular supporting the Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration and joined Seattle Center Festál; and

Whereas, as we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders that enrich our history, society and culture, we must also acknowledge the challenges and struggles of the AAPI experience in America including structural discrimination, prejudice and injustice; and

Whereas, Renton, one of the most multicultural cities in the area and home to people from all over the world, prides itself on being a city where people of all faiths and cultures are welcomed, respected, and able to live in harmony with each other; and

Whereas, today more than 20 million Asian American and Pacific Islanders live in the United States and through their actions, make America a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure nation;

 ${\it Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be}$

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 10th day of May, 2021.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington

