

city of plano

Proclamation

“ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

WHEREAS on October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the resolution declaring the first ten days of May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, and in May, 1990, President George H. W. Bush changed the celebration to Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese were the first Asians to arrive in America, followed by the first Japanese in 1843, then by the Filipinos in 1899, and in the 1970s new arrivals included immigrants from India, Pakistan, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos; and

WHEREAS, the Immigration Act of 1990 made it less complicated for Asian immigrants to enter the United States, and every year the number has increased; and

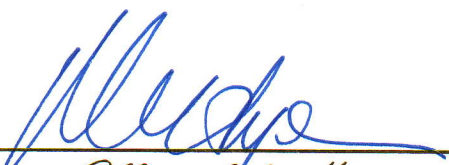
WHEREAS, many of the new arrivals are trained in medicine, technologies, and other specialties that are advantageous to our city, state, and country, and the diversity of our population that the Asian Pacific cultures bring are beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the DFW Asian American Citizens Council works to encourage Asian-Americans to be involved in local social, political and civic activities that increase community awareness; and

WHEREAS, each year the DFW AACC works to encourage local governments to recognize the month of May as a time to honor all who have been welcomed by our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHIL DYER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, do hereby proclaim **May, 2011** as “**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**” in Plano, and I do thereby encourage all citizens to join me and the Plano City Council in being aware of all the advantages our society receives due to our Asian Pacific American friends.




Office of the Mayor