

City of Irving Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese individual to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869; and
- WHEREAS:** The national character of the United States has been strengthened and enhanced by citizens who maintain and honor cultural values and customs brought from other lands; and
- WHEREAS:** Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry have long been part of celebrating diverse traditions by enriching the fabric of our society with their unique talents and abilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Over ten million Asian and Pacific Islanders, from over 25 different ethnic groups, who encompass diverse backgrounds, histories, languages, and cultures now call the United States their home; and
- WHEREAS:** There are approximately 300,000 Asian and Pacific Islanders living in the North Texas region sharing the same family values as most Americans, such as, hard work, excellence in education, and freedom for all; and
- WHEREAS:** This year's month-long acknowledgement will be celebrated with community festivals, governmental recognition, corporate employee programs, and student events across our nation.

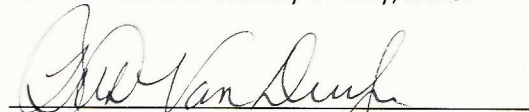
NOW THEREFORE, I, Beth Van Duyne, Mayor of the City of Irving, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015, as:

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

in Irving, Texas.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 6th day of May, 2015.


Beth Van Duyne, Mayor