



City of McKinney

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1978 President Carter signed the first bill to proclaim the first Asian-Pacific Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the United States Congress approved Public Law 102-450, designating the month of May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month" to honor the accomplishments and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the City of McKinney is honored to have Asian Pacific Americans call McKinney home or home to their place of business and welcomes the diversity that their choice provides for all sectors of our residential and business community; and

WHEREAS, McKinney's character has been strengthened and enhanced by citizens who maintain and honor cultural values and customs brought from other lands; and Asian Pacific Americans have long been part of that tradition; and

WHEREAS, today Asian Americans have made important contributions to our City and our nation in government, business, education, science, the arts, and other fields, and are recognized for their hard work and success; and

WHEREAS, during Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we celebrate the accomplishments of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, and we reflect on the many ways they have enriched our Nation; and

WHEREAS, we encourage our citizens to join in celebrating the collective accomplishments of the heterogeneous communities that comprise Asian Pacific American Cultures in McKinney and throughout the Dallas – Fort Worth Metroplex.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN LOUGHMILLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2015 AS

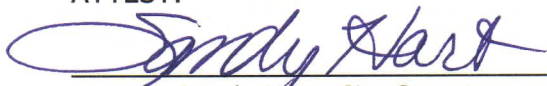
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in McKinney, Texas.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2015.


Brian Loughmiller, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sandy Hart, City Secretary

