

WHEREAS, our country is strengthened by the many cultures and peoples who live in America and contribute greatly to our society, economy, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, over 250,000 Asian Americans now reside in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, representing a steadily growing segment of the population of our city and in nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, while Asian Americans celebrate their unique and rich history, culture, and traditions, they also share values that are common throughout America-such as love of freedom, dedication to family, entrepreneurship, excellence in education, and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, today Asian Americans have made important contributions to our city and our nation in government, business, education, science and other fields, and, because of their hard work and success, belong in some of the highest household income categories of any ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, each, the President of the United States of America, joined by elected officials and leaders throughout the country, collectively issue proclamations in the month of May to recognize the importance and the richness that the Asian American community adds to the cultural fabric of our society; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, Asian Americans will join together to host celebrations and educational events to honor the strong heritage, history, and culture of their ancestral homeland and their role in the future of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Z Marshall Mayor of the City of Parker, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

"ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

in recognition of the invaluable contributions that Asian Americans have made to our city.

PROCLAIMED, this 21st day of April, 2015.