

# Rowlett

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

## ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, in June 1977, Congressmen Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution calling upon the President to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the annual celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 1990, the holiday was further expended with President George H. W. Bush designated May to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843; and

**WHEREAS**, many immigrants of Asian heritage came to the United States during the nineteenth century to work in the transportation industry; and

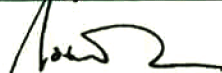
**WHEREAS**, in 1869, laboring under very difficult conditions, Asian immigrants helped construct the transcontinental railroad, which vastly expanded economic growth and development across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific Americans have made valuable contributions to the history and growth of the United States and have achieved at a high level in a variety of disciplines, including government, business, science, technology and the arts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Todd W. Gottel, Mayor of the City of Rowlett and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May as Asian American Heritage Month in Rowlett, in recognition of the contributions made to our economy and culture by Asian Pacific Americans, and in tribute to all Asian Pacific Americans who call Rowlett home.

*In official recognition thereof, I hereby affix my signature this*

21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2015.



*Mayor, the City of Rowlett*

