

PROCLAMATION

CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS

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; Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander ancestry have long been part of that tradition, by enriching the fabric of our society with their entrepreneurship, excellence in education, and dedication to community service; and

WHEREAS: Over ten million Asian and Pacific Islanders, from over twenty-five different ethnic groups that encompass diverse backgrounds, histories, languages and cultures now call the United States their home; these Asian Pacific Americans attempt to give expression to cultural, linguistic, and ethnic diversity while recognizing common experiences in American history; and

WHEREAS: To honor the accomplishments and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our Nation, in 1992 Congress approved Public Law 102-450, designating "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month". The theme for the 2015 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is: "*Many Cultures, One Voice: Promote Equality and Inclusion*"; and

WHEREAS: The City of Richardson is honored that many Asian Pacific Americans have chosen Richardson as their home or place of business and welcomes the diversity that their choice provides for all sectors of our residential and business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Maczka, Mayor of the City of Richardson, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015 as:

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Richardson, Texas and encourage our citizens to discover the rich history and culture of Asian and Pacific Islanders and appreciate the diversity it means to us all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City to be affixed on this 4th day of May 2015.



Laura Maczka
Mayor, The City of Richardson