



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 AS
"ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER
HERITAGE MONTH"**

WHEREAS, Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes the history and achievements of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) across our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, and Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders make our Nation, State, and City more vibrant through diversity of cultures, languages, and religions. The American story as we know it would be impossible without the strength, contributions, and legacies of AANHPIs who have helped build and unite this country in each successive generation; and

WHEREAS, we also celebrate and honor the invaluable contributions the AANHPI communities have made to our national and local culture and the arts, law, science and technology, sports and public service — including the courageous AANHPIs who have served on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic as health care providers, first responders, teachers, and other essential workers; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the strength shown and successes achieved, the American dream remains out of reach for far too many AANHPI families. AANHPI communities face systemic barriers to economic justice, health equity, educational attainment, and personal safety; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the heightened fear felt by many Asian American communities in the wake of increasing rates of anti-Asian harassment and violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the increasingly observable layers of hate now directed toward women and elders of Asian descent in particular; and

WHEREAS, acts of anti-Asian bias are wrong, they are un-American, and they must stop; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders make our Nation and our community stronger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as "Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month" and call upon the citizens of Arroyo Grande to learn more about the history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 11th day of May 2021.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR



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