

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have flourished and succeeded in the City of Falls Church and are a vital part of the city's history, making important contributions to the cultural, civic, and economic life of the city; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander populations are comprised of many languages and ethnicities, contributing to the diversity and energy of the City of Falls Church and the Northern Virginia region; and

WHEREAS, Congress chose the month of May for the observance 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; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans make up an estimated 5.6% of the U.S. population; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is projected to increase from comprising 14.6% of Falls Church's population to 15.2% by 2021; and

WHEREAS, Falls Church's Eden Center contains the highest concentration of Vietnamese-owned businesses under one roof and continues to attract Vietnamese and Vietnamese American tourists, as well as people of all ethnicities who enjoy delicious food and a vibrant shopping experience;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Falls Church, and call upon all citizens to recognize the many contributions and achievements of the city's Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2021.





David Tarter, Mayor