Proclamation

Whereas, during the month of May, we celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, and pay tribute to the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched our history and been an integral part of our community; and

Whereas, today about 23 million Asian American Pacific Islanders, including more than 300,000 AAPI veterans, live in the United States, comprising approximately seven percent of the U.S. population, and help make America a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure nation; and

Whereas, the theme for AAPI Heritage Month 2022 is "Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration." Local and national governments are encouraged to prioritize collaboration, development, diversity, transparency, and inclusion through leadership training of persons of AAPI descent; and

Alameda's AAPI community, which comprises more than 32 percent of Alameda's population, includes business owners, educators, elected officials, lawyers, judges, artists, clergy members, and military personnel, as well as the heroic AAPIs who served on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic as health care professionals, first responders, teachers, and other essential workers; and

Whereas, AAPI Heritage Month 2022 commemorates the victims of the 2021 spa shootings, along with all other Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have been lost to anti-Asian violence during the pandemic and throughout history.

Dow, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, on behalf of the Alameda City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in the City of Alameda and encourage all Alamedans to celebrate the achievements and contributions of the AAPI community.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft Mayor

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