

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF MAY, 2021, AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND
PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN THE
CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, since its origin in 1979 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, we commemorate the accomplishments and contributions of our Asian American and Pacific Islander citizens; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, in 1990 Congress amended the observation from a week to a month, which designated May 1990 as the first Asian/Pacific Islander month, and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the recognition of the month of May recognizes the significance of history and advancements influenced by Asian American and Pacific Islanders, such as May 7, 1843, which is the date on which the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States and the completion of the first transcontinental railroad completed by direct contributions of Chinese pioneers; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman celebrates the contributions of then to the impact of now by Asian American and Pacific Islanders, which make the City of Norman a richer and more diverse community; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, organizations such as Share and Grow Association and the efforts of student organizations such as, Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, are committed to advocating against Asian hate through education, understanding, and appreciation for the worth of all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2021, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity and character of our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April, 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

