

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, across the nation, Asian American and Pacific American Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize the diverse culture, history, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for their tremendous accomplishments and influence in the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of our nation, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have helped shape America's character as a vital, vibrant, and dynamic people; and

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; 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"; and

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

WHEREAS, Coppell's population consists of 24.8 % Asian residents, some of whom have lived in Coppell for an extended time and some of whom are new immigrants and refugees. They contribute their talents, skills, and vitality, to the socioeconomic growth and cultural prosperity of our region; and

WHEREAS, The City of Coppell has a deep commitment to promote racial equity, inclusion, and diversity in all aspects of city government.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

"Asian Pacific American Heritage Month"

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 26th day of April 2022.

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Owens, City Secretary