

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed in the United States during the month of May as a way to recognize the numerous contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture and achievements of our nation, and;
- **WHEREAS:** The effort to officially recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander contributions to the United States began in the late 1970s and took over 10 years to make it a permanent month-long celebration, and;
- **WHEREAS:** Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played a significant role in American culture and society, including in the fields of science and medicine, literature, art, sports, government and politics and activism, and;
- **WHEREAS:** A recent report from the Pew Research Center finds that Asian Americans are the fastest-growing racial or ethnic group in the United States, bringing renewed attention to the growing economic and social influence of Asian communities, and;
- **WHEREAS:** The City of Forest Park is proud to represent its growing Asian American and Pacific Islander community and acknowledges the values and cultural traditions that have helped shape our diverse community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Forest Park do herby recognize the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and reaffirms its commitment to equality and inclusion, while also fully embracing all individuals of Asian descent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand on this <u>16th</u> day of <u>May 2022</u> and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Forest Park to be affixed hereto:

	Angelyne Butler, MPA Mayor	
Councilmember Kimberly James Ward 1		Councilmember Dabouze Antoine Ward 2
Councilmember Hector Gutierrez Ward 3		Councilmember Latresa Akins-Wells Ward 4
	Councilmember Allan Mears	

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