



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5877
May 18, 2021
Consent Calendar

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5877: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Proclamation No. 271	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Mayor proclaims May 2021 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Benson Wong, Mayor Jessi Bon, City Manager Deborah Estrada, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 271
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

SUMMARY

May 2021 is the 43rd anniversary of the annual celebration that has become Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

The origin of Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month dates back to the 95th Congress (1977-1978) when five joint resolutions were introduced proposing that a week in May be designated to commemorate the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans.

On March 28, 1979, President Carter issued [Proclamation 4650](#), the first presidential proclamation, for Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. In this proclamation, President Carter spoke of the significant role Asian Pacific Americans played in the creation of a dynamic and pluralistic American society with their contributions to the sciences, arts, industry, government, and commerce.

In 1990, President Bush issued [Presidential Proclamation 6130](#) which expanded the observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week to a month in May 1990 and called on the people of the United States to observe Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month with “appropriate ceremonies, programs and activities.”

Learn more about Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at www.asianpacificheritage.gov.

RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Wong proclaims May 2021 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.