

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans across the United States can trace their roots to more than 20 countries in East and Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, and the Pacific Islands, each with unique histories, cultures and languages; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout history, Asian American and Pacific Islanders have faced adversity and used their strength and persistence to become leaders and trailblazers; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has been home to members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities since the mid-19th century, when the first Chinese immigrants began to settle in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapel Hill is proud to be home to a vibrant AAPI population that contributes greatly to the enrichment and prosperity of our community through leadership in education, science, healthcare business, technology, public service, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapel Hill recognizes the importance of actively promoting understanding and fostering appreciation for the rich and diverse cultures and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders among its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council do hereby proclaim May 2026 to be

## **Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) month**

in Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our community, our country, and the world.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jean Allen".