

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is observed during the month of May to recognize the contributions of AAPI persons as part of the history, culture, and achievements of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AA NHPI) communities represent a multitude of ethnicities, languages, and experiences that enrich our community and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Pacific American Heritage Week was signed into law in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter and, eventually, extended to a month and signed into law by President George H.W. Bush in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapel Hill is proud to be home to a large AAPI population that contributes greatly to the enrichment and prosperity of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, AAPI communities in Chapel Hill have shared their rich culture and traditions while representing their communities through public service and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is, also, an important time to raise awareness of anti-Asian hate crimes and to demonstrate solidarity with the AAPI community - turning grief and injustice into activism, inclusions, and joy.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be

## **Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

in the Town of 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 TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

*Ram Hemmer*