



*Proclamation
of the City of Foster City, California*

**Recognizing May 2023 as
Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month**

WHEREAS, **Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month** is an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC), the theme for **AAPI Heritage Month** this year is "Advancing Leaders through Opportunity." The FAPAC encourages local and national governments to prioritize collaboration, development, diversity, transparency, and inclusion through leadership training of **AAPI** people; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the U.S. Congress recognized Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. In 1990, Congress passed a law expanding the observance to a month for that year. In 1992, Congress passed a law annually designating May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. In 2009, President Barack Obama expanded the Asian/Pacific American commemoration to include Pacific Islanders and issued his proclamation in honor of **AAPI Heritage Month**; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected for **AAPI Heritage Month** to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, according to US Census 2022 estimates, some 33.2 percent of San Mateo County's 729,180 residents are of Asian heritage, compared with 15.3 percent for all of California. Additionally the 2020 US Census data showed that 50.6% of Foster City's residents are of Asian heritage; and

WHEREAS, today, **AAPI** are the fastest growing racial group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, **AAPI** have contributed significantly to many facets of American culture and society, including science and medicine, literature and art, sports and recreation, government and politics, and activism and law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON FROOMIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, officially recognize May 2023 as "**Asian American and Pacific Islander Month**", and encourage everyone to celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages, and unique experiences represented by **AAPI** both across our country and in Foster City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Foster City to be affixed this 1st of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, A.D.

JON FROOMIN, MAYOR

