



THE CITY OF FIRCREST

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest City Council takes pride in recognizing May 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrating the many notable contributions of residents from Asia and the Pacific Islands who have enriched our nation's history and are instrumental in its future success; and

WHEREAS, after decades of effort, federal legislation permanently designated the month of May as national "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month;" and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first known Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869—accomplished with the incredible efforts of approximately 20,000 Chinese workers who endured mistreatment and hardship throughout; and

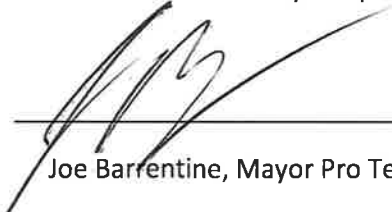
WHEREAS, we honor the invaluable contributions that, for generations, the Asian American Pacific Islander communities have made to our nation's culture and the arts, law, science and technology, sports and public service; often in the face of severe racial bias, discrimination, and legislation; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent vastly diverse ethnic groups, including all those who have immigrated to the United States themselves or whose ancestors originated from the continent of Asia and the numerous Pacific Islands known as Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and

WHEREAS, today we stand in solidarity with Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and encourage all Fircrest residents to assert in the strongest possible terms that anti-Asian racism, intimidation, and hate crimes will not be tolerated and have no place in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS, of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month," encouraging all our Fircrest community members to share in this special tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who continue to enrich our nation and our local community.

Passed this 26th day of April 2022



Joe Barrentine, Mayor Pro Tempore

