



PROCLAMATION

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. The AAPI umbrella term includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia; and

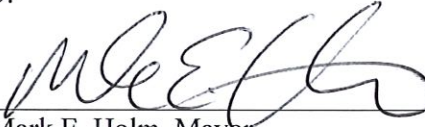
WHEREAS, the American story as we know it would be impossible without the strength, contributions, and legacies of AAPIs who have helped build and unite this country in each successive generation. From laying railroad tracks, tilling fields, and starting businesses, to caring for our loved ones and honorably serving our Nation in uniform, AAPI communities are deeply rooted in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make our Nation more vibrant through diversity of cultures, languages, and religions. There is no single story of the AAPI experience, but rather a diversity of contributions that enrich our culture and communities; and


WHEREAS, we recognize and honor the many ways that AAPI people have enriched the fabric of our society while also rededicating ourselves to advance inclusion, belonging, and acceptance for all AAPI communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Holm, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim May, 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month and join in honoring the history and contributions of AAPI people in our community and throughout our state and our Nation.

DATED AND SIGNED this 1st day of May, 2023.


Mark E. Holm, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

