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**PURCELLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION
OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

PURCELLVILLE, Va., May 17, 2021 — At their regular meeting on May 11, 2021, the Town Council adopted a proclamation (attached) recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI).

Mayor Kwasi Fraser stated, “This month Purcellville joins other municipalities in recognizing and celebrating the tremendous contributions Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made to our nation. In addition, we add voice and volume to condemning the persecution and discrimination faced by Asians and Pacific Islanders around the world.”

“My wife and I are proud to have authored this proclamation in support of human rights and the Asian American community that is part of Purcellville. They are a beautiful part of the melding of cultures, ethnicities, and perspectives that make Purcellville the incredible community that it is,” said Council member Joel Grewe.

AAPI was established in 1978 by a joint resolution in the United States Congress as the first ten days of May and expanded to a month by Congress in 1992.

For more information about AAPI month, please visit their [website](#).

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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IN
LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION,

For

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WHEREAS, The Town of Purcellville joins the rest of America in paying tribute to the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched both America and Purcellville’s history and culture and are instrumental in its future success, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Purcellville recognizes the importance of diversity that comes from ethnicity, belief, and faiths within our community, and

WHEREAS, The Asian American Community in Purcellville has doubled over the past ten years, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Purcellville is unwavering in its support of the freedom of all to practice their faith according to their beliefs and conscience without government interference, opposition, or oppression, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Purcellville condemns any and all forms of persecution or violence against people for their ethnic heritage or religious beliefs, and specifically condemn hatred toward members of the Asian American community, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Purcellville recognizes that religious persecution and hate crimes are not specific to any single group, and that it can and does impact people both here and across the world, and


WHEREAS, The Town of Purcellville stands in solidarity with all Asian Americans and all others who practice their faith in their inherent freedom of belief and conscience, and we recognize their invaluable contributions to our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Month of May is recognized in the Town of Purcellville Asian Pacific American Heritage month.

ATTEST:


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Kwasi A. Fraser
Mayor