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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was designated by presidential proclamation and in 1992, Congress permanently designated May of each year as a month-long celebration that is now known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated annually with festivals, events, cultural programming, and educational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, people of Asian Heritage now comprise over 12 percent of the Village's population, and have made valuable contributions to the growth of the United States and their local communities and it is critically important that we recognize their accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, additional Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month information and resources can be found at [asianpacificheritage.gov](http://asianpacificheritage.gov) and [Wilmette.com](http://Wilmette.com); Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to enrich our nation's economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science and technological developments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Senta Plunkett, Village President of Wilmette, Illinois, proclaim May 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and call upon all people of Wilmette, Illinois, to learn more about those of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage and to celebrate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

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Senta Plunkett  
Village President