

PROCLAMATION

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese citizen, Nakahama Manjiro, to the United States on May 7, 1843, but also the anniversary of the May 10, 1869, completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad, built with the back-breaking labor of nearly 20,000 Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders that enrich our history, society, and culture, we must also acknowledge the challenges Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders face and strive to foster greater understanding, unity, and learning; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have distinguished themselves as leading researchers in science, medicine, and technology; innovative farmers and ranchers; distinguished lawyers, judges and government leaders; in the arts, literature, and sports; as war heroes who defended our country from fascism; and as peacetime healthcare heroes; and

WHEREAS, the Redlands Japanese Cultural Center is non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating Japanese culture and arts, preserving Japanese American heritage, and serving the wider Inland Empire community; and

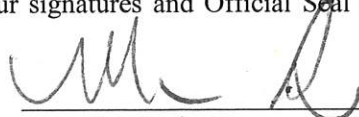
WHEREAS, the Redlands Japanese Cultural Center is committed to deepening its role as a regional leader in cross-cultural exchange by establishing a cultural collection and researching local history, all while broadening their educational outreach and social services to strengthen the social fabric of Redlands; and

WHEREAS, today more than 20 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders live in the United States, and through their actions, make America a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby proclaim May 2026 as *Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month* in the City of Redlands and encourages residents, businesses, and institutions to learn more about Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage, and work to combat racism and xenophobia as we celebrate this month.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 5th day of May 2026.





Mario Saucedo, Mayor

Attest:



Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk