



Township of

FERGUSON

Pennsylvania

Proclamation

MAY 2024 ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Whereas, In 1992, Congress designated the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the United States to celebrate the significant contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage to the growth, history, culture, and achievements of our nation; and

Whereas, we are blessed to have residents of the Township of Ferguson who themselves, or their families, hail originally from the many diverse countries on the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands – some being recent immigrants, while others are first, second, third, fourth, or fifth generation Americans; and

Whereas, people of Asian and Pacific Islander origin constitute approximately 19 percent of our population in the Township of Ferguson, and they have enriched the ethnic and social fabric of our community with their diverse languages, cultures, and religions traditions; and

Whereas, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin contribute to and enrich our community with their leadership, creativity, talent, enterprise, and skill in countless ways and are an integral part of building and supporting a vibrant and resilient economy in the Township of Ferguson; and

Whereas, people of Asian and Pacific Islander origin are our beloved friends and family, our cherished neighbors, and valued members of the Township of Ferguson, where we remain committed to embracing and accepting all our residents from diverse backgrounds; and

Whereas, The Township of Ferguson stands in solidarity with Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community in the Township and around the world against systemic racism, xenophobia, and misogyny directed against them both in the past and in the present time.

Now, therefore, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim, May 2024, to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the Township of Ferguson and encourages all residents to celebrate the history and culture of Asian Pacific Islanders and Asian Pacific Americans and their vital contributions to our community.

Proclaimed this 8th day of May 2024.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors.

Lisa Strickland, Chair