



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the City of Chicago continue to thrive because of the hard work, talent, and ongoing cultural contributions of its diverse citizens; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Census indicated that 15.2 million Asian & Pacific Islander Americans resided in the United States, with more than 166,000 living in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Asians and Pacific Islanders comprise an extremely diverse group that includes – in order of greatest population – Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Korean, Vietnamese, Pakistani, Japanese, Thai, Cambodian, Taiwanese, Bangladeshi, Laotian, Indonesian, Sri Lankan, Malaysian, and Hmong heritage; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's Asian & Pacific Islander American community strengthens our city's cultural fabric and demographic landscape through commerce, education, the arts, government, military, the sciences, and many other fields; and

WHEREAS, involved groups such as OCA-Chicago, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Chicago alongside numerous others have long uplifted Asian & Pacific Islander Americans through dedicated advocacy, thus empowering the greater community; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May 2014, community-based organizations and governmental agencies throughout the City of Chicago will present a rich variety of special events, cultural celebrations and educational programs that highlight the culture, heritage, and achievements of Asian & Pacific Islander Americans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim MAY 2014 to be ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN CHICAGO, and encourage all Chicagoans to recognize the enduring contributions of the Asian & Pacific Islander American community, and join in celebrating this auspicious month.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2014.

Mayor