

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Brandon Vang



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WHEREAS, since 1992, the month of May has been recognized nationally as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, honoring their many contributions and accomplishments of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities have played a vital role in shaping our nation, from early immigrants who helped build critical infrastructure to generations who have overcome discrimination and continue to strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the City of Fresno makes up approximately 14.7% of the population, contributing to the cultural, civic, and economic vitality of our city; and

WHEREAS, we proudly recognize The Jakara Movement and Central California Asian Pacific Women (CCAPW), two organizations that work to uplift AAPI communities through service, advocacy, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, the Jakara Movement has supported the community through worker protections, vaccine outreach, language access, while advancing social justice, civic engagement, and youth leadership. Grounded in the principle of Seva (selfless service), the organization inspires individuals to lead with compassion and actively respond to the needs of their community; and

WHEREAS, the Central California Asian Pacific Women (CCAPW), a volunteer-led organization founded in 1980, empowers AANHPI women through education, mentorship, and leadership development, and has awarded over \$450,000 in scholarships, supporting many first-generation college students while fostering connection, representation, and opportunities across generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno and its residents are strengthened by the contributions of AAPI communities and organizations such as The Jakara Movement and CCAPW, whose dedication to service, advocacy, and empowerment continues to build a more inclusive, informed, and united City of Fresno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim May 7th, 2026, as:

“Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month”

In the City of Fresno

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this Seventh Day of May of the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember, District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember, District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

BRANDON VANG, Councilmember, District 5

NICK RICHARDSON, Councilmember, District 6