

## **R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed in the United States during the month of May; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, the United States Congress passed Public Law 102-450, designating May of each year as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month,” and authorizing and requesting the President of the United States and the governor of each state to issue an annual proclamation to observe the month; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played a pivotal role in shaping the history of both the City of Chicago and this Nation, contributing to their growth and prosperity through entrepreneurship, innovation, civic engagement, and cultural enrichment; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderperson Nicole Lee of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward became the first Chinese American and first Asian American woman to serve on the City Council upon first assuming office on March 28, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderperson Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward became the first Filipino American to serve as alderperson upon assuming office on May 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders represent Chicago at various levels of the State and federal governments, including U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi, Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita, Illinois State Senator Ram Villivalam, and Illinois State Representatives Theresa Mah, Hoan Huynh, and Kevin Olickal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community encompasses individuals of various ethnicities, nationalities, and backgrounds, and is among the fastest growing populations in the City Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the City of Chicago recognizes and celebrates the diverse and vibrant cultures, traditions, and achievements of these communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago recognizes the invaluable contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the cultural, social, and economic fabric of our City; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-second day of May, 2024, do hereby designate May 2024 as “Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month” in the City of Chicago, and call upon all Chicagoans to observe this month and celebrate the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.