

2022 RES-011
RECOGNIZING MAY 2022 AS ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States is inextricably tied to the story of the United States and each May is dedicated to paying tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the United States, Wisconsin, and Dane County; this year's theme is Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Census, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander population grew faster than any other racial or ethnic group over the last decade in the United States, and, in Dane County, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander population grew 47% from 2010 through 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dane County employs 125 Asian/Pacific Americans and values the diversity, knowledge, and experience they bring to their positions and the service they provide to all residents of Dane County; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Brenda Yang, elected to the Dane County Board of Supervisors in April of 2022, is the first person of Hmong heritage to be elected to the Dane County Board of Supervisors with Hmong Heritage month proceeding Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in April.

WHEREAS, Supervisor Patrick Miles is Nisei, second-generation Japanese-American, and is the first person of color and first Asian American to be elected Dane County Board Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes May 2022 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2022.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk