



in Recognition of
Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month
May 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata recognizes the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, a time to honor and celebrate the countless contributions, rich cultural heritage, and profound impact that AAPI individuals have made throughout our history and continue to make today; and

WHEREAS, AAPI communities represent a vibrant, diverse tapestry of cultures, languages, traditions, and histories, enriching every aspect of our society, from the arts and education to business, public service, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in Humboldt County, Asian Americans have a long and complex history, marked by profound hardship and perseverance, including the forced expulsion of Chinese residents from Eureka in 1885 and from Arcata in 1886, almost exactly one year after Eureka's expulsion. Acts of discrimination and exclusionary policies, and ongoing challenges have been faced by generations of AAPI families; and

WHEREAS, despite these injustices, AAPI individuals and communities have demonstrated extraordinary resilience, continually contributing to the cultural, economic, and social vitality of Humboldt County and shaping our collective identity through the sharing of art, cuisine, innovation, and civic leadership; and

WHEREAS, the art and culture of AAPI communities—through festivals, performances, visual arts, storytelling, and more—have been integral to creating a richer, more inclusive, and dynamic Humboldt County, inspiring greater understanding, connection, and celebration of our shared humanity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata remains committed to uplifting the voices of AAPI residents, confronting and addressing past and present injustices, promoting equity, and ensuring that all people, regardless of background, can live, work, and thrive in a community grounded in dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Arcata hereby recognizes May as **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** and encourages all residents to learn from and celebrate the rich histories, contributions, and cultures of AAPI communities, to stand in solidarity against hate and discrimination, and to continue building a more inclusive future for all.

Dated: May 21, 2025

Alexandra Stillman, Mayor