

Resolution 2021-12

Resolution Honoring Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Whereas, May is designated and recognized as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander Heritage Month by our Federal Government through bipartisan legislation in the 1970's and Presidential Proclamation in 1992 by George Bush ; and

Whereas, Asian American and Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander Heritage Month is recognized in May to honor the specific immigration of Japanese immigration to America commencing in May of 1843 and also to honor the Golden Spike Ceremony on May 10, 1869 uniting the trans-Pacific railroad that was successful through the thousands of Chinese laborers toiling on the railroad; and

Whereas the history of Asian-American and Pacific Islander contributions first were documented with immigration of Filipinos to present-day California in 1587 and waves of immigration from China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, etc; and

Whereas, the Greater Philadelphia area is comprised of many immigrant groups from throughout the world who brings their cultures and contributions to support the success of our communities; and

Whereas, According to U.S. Census numbers, thirty-nine percent of Philadelphia's foreign born come from Asia, hailing from more than 15 countries, making Asians the largest share of Philadelphia's immigrants; and

Whereas, the Chinatown in Philadelphia established in the 1880's, the establishment of the Chua Giac Lam temple in Lansdowne, and the contributions of Asian Americans to the Greater Lansdowne continue to enrich the Lansdowne community from the past to the present; and

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Borough Council of Lansdowne, that Lansdowne Borough recognizes the contributions of Asian Americans from the many different cultures and nationalities to the culture of Lansdowne. And, during the month of May Lansdowne Borough honors our many residents of Asian American and Pacific Island and Hawaiian Heritage Month and are committed to honor the historical and contemporary contributions to the world, the United States, and to Lansdowne.

Adopted by the Borough of Lansdowne, County of Delaware Pennsylvania, this 5th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST: _____

Craig Totaro, Assistant Borough Secretary


Benjamin D. Hover, Council President