

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION honoring Asian Pacific Islanders in our community, acknowledging their many contributions and recognizing May 2006 as Asian Pacific Islander (API) Heritage Month.

Whereas, Asian Pacific Islander (API) Heritage Month is an opportunity for all individuals and organizations to recognize the contributions of Asian Pacific Islanders to our city, our way of life; and

Whereas, the story of immigration and settlement of API in Washington State spans more than two centuries; and

Whereas, the diverse Asian Pacific Islander population in the City of Seattle numbers more than 76,000 - representative of more than 26 API nations; and

Whereas, API made significant accomplishments, often while enduring substantial personal sacrifices, that helped advance the civil rights and opportunities for all citizens of the City of Seattle; and

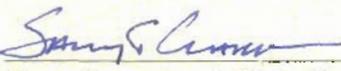
Whereas, Washington State has the highest number of API elected officials in the continental U.S. and Asian Pacific Islanders make up the largest and fastest growing racial group in Seattle; and

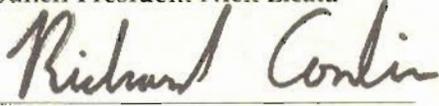
Whereas, our city is very fortunate to be so rich in diversity and appreciates the contributions of so many peoples from API cultures; and NOW,

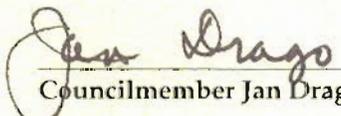
THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

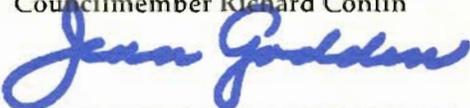
The City of Seattle appreciates and honors the accomplishments made by Asian Pacific Islanders in our city and affirms May 2006 as Asian Pacific Islander (API) Heritage Month as a time to recognize and celebrate our rapidly growing API communities and to further educate ourselves about API cultures and contributions.


Council President Nick Licata

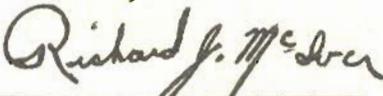

Councilmember Sally J. Clark, Sponsor


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THE MAYOR CONCURRING:


Councilmember David J. Della, Mayor Pro-tem

