

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2024**

WHEREAS, Congress designated May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to commemorate two key milestones: arrival of America's first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and completion of the Transcontinental Railroad (May 10, 1869) primarily by Chinese workers; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) constitute over 30,000 Naperville residents; and

WHEREAS, Naperville AAPIs are natives and newcomers of diverse ethnicities including Chinese, Filipinos, Indians, Japanese, Koreans, Vietnamese and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Naperville AAPIs are professionals in diverse fields, entrepreneurs, school and community volunteers, artists, and public officials who continue to contribute to the economic and cultural growth making Naperville the most livable city in the nation; and

WHEREAS, We celebrate the rich heritage and contributions of AAPIs, encourage residents to learn more about AAPI history and participate in activities celebrating this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, Illinois do hereby proclaim May 2024, as

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
in the City of Naperville**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 21st day of May, 2024.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Wehrli", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Wehrli, Mayor