Patton Township APA Heritage Month Proclamation 2022

WHEREAS, Congress enacted a law in 1992 annually designating the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to celebrate the influence and contributions of those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin to the history, culture and achievements of the United States; and

WHEREAS, some Patton Township residents who hail originally from the many diverse countries on the Asian continent and the many Pacific Islands are recent immigrants, and others are first, second, third, fourth or fifth generation Americans; and

WHEREAS, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin are the largest racial minority group in Patton Township, making up about 11 percent of our population, and have enriched the ethnic and social fabric of our Township with their diverse languages, cultures, and religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin contribute to and enrich our community with their creativity, enterprise and skill as professors, scientists, technologists, doctors, students, entrepreneurs, artists, workers, writers, investors, elected officials, philanthropists and more, building and supporting a vibrant and resilient economy in Patton Township; and

WHEREAS those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin are our beloved friends and family, our cherished neighbors, and valued members of Patton Township, where we remain committed to embracing and accepting all our residents from diverse backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Patton Township Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim **May 2022** as "**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month"** in Patton Township and encourage all Patton Township residents to celebrate the history and culture of Asian Pacific Islanders and Asian Pacific Americans and their vital contributions to our township, our county, our commonwealth and our country.

PROCLAIMED this 11th day of May 2022, by the **PATTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Pamela Robb, Chair

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