

WHEREAS, *the City of Orlando is proud of its diversity and draws its strength from the rich cultures and traditions of its citizens; and*

WHEREAS, *Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have helped build, defend, and strengthen our nation. They have gone beyond, embodying the soaring aspirations of the American spirit; and*

WHEREAS, *Orlando is enriched by the significant and lasting contributions of its residents of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage and recognizes their achievements in all aspects of society, including business, education, law, the arts and sciences; and*

WHEREAS, *we pay tribute to those in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community who have provided a brighter future for the next generation; and*

WHEREAS, *together, let us recommit to embracing the diversity that enriches our nation and to ensuring all people have an equal chance to succeed in the country we love; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim May 2016 as

*“Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month”
in the City of Orlando.*