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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2022

**RECOGNIZING** the month of May 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, during Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we pay tribute to the significant contributions, accomplishments, and leadership of generations of AAPI individuals to this country and the state of Ohio for more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the vast diversity of languages, religions, and cultural traditions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with the AAPI community as we work to dismantle the systems that contributed to our history of discrimination and ongoing inequity towards individuals of Asian descent since our country’s earliest days, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and today; and

WHEREAS, we honor the leadership and legacies of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in Cincinnati such as Bobby Balena, the first Major League Baseball player of Filipino descent who played for the Cincinnati Reds in 1956, and Takeshi “Ben” Yamaguchi and Yoshio Shimuzu, who were detained in internment camps in the 1940s and later started Soya Food Products, a tofu company in Price Hill; and

WHEREAS, we continue to celebrate the diversity and influence of AAPI culture, organizations, businesses, and communities as we make Cincinnati a more diverse, thriving, and welcoming city for all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize the month of May 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to the Asian American Cultural Association of Cincinnati by the Office of Mayor Pureval.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval