PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Dubuque’s Asian and Pacific Islanders communities are a contributing part to making our City a vibrant community of cultures; and

WHEREAS, we have seen a staggering rise in bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in the AAPI community, this problem is often compounded by cultural, religious, and linguistic barriers that can keep these youth from seeking and receiving help; and

WHEREAS, we join Act To Change, a national nonprofit dedicated to fighting bullying in the AAPI community, in sharing one vision - a world where all youth, including within the AAPI community, have the opportunity to grow up feeling proud and supported in the development of their identities and sharing of their stories.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROY D. BUOL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND THE CITIZENS OF DUBUQUE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 18th OF MAY 2021 AS

“AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate”

IN THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO FOSTER DIALOGUE, SHARE RESOURCES, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN DO TO FIGHT BULLYING.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed this 17th day of May, 2021.

Roy D. Buol, Mayor

Attest:

Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk
2021: Submitted by Clara Lopez Ortiz, Equity Coordinator, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque clara@dbqfoundation.org and accepted by Art Roche and Marlynn Livai.