PROCLAMATION
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2013

WHEREAS, The vast diversity of languages, religions, and cultural traditions of **Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders** continues to strengthen the fabric of American society; and

WHEREAS, From the arrival of the first **Asian and Pacific Islander** immigrants more than 150 years ago to those who arrive today, as well as those native to the Hawaiian Islands and to our Pacific Island territories, all possess the common purpose of the fulfilling the American dream and leading a life bound by the American ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, During **Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, we remember the challenges and celebrate the achievements that define our history. **Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders** have endured and overcome hardships and heartaches; and

WHEREAS, Amidst these struggles, **Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders** have contributed in great and significant ways to all aspects of society. They have created works of literature and art, thrived as American athletes, and prospered in the world of academia. **Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders** have played a vital role in our Nation's economic and technological growth by establishing successful enterprises and pushing the limits of science; and

WHEREAS, They are serving in positions of leadership within the government more now than ever before, and along with all of our great service men and women, they have defended and served the United States with valor from threats at home and abroad; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim the **Month of May 2013 as Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month;**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite **all Troy residents to** recognize and celebrate the vital role **Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders** have played in our Nation's history, as well as their outstanding achievements today and into the future.

Presented this 13th day of May 2013.