A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 AS "ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed in May of each year, as we honor and celebrate the many contributions, sacrifices and achievements of Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) to the economic, cultural, educational, political, artistic and technological development of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, AAPI heritage in the United States was first celebrated in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992; and

WHEREAS, AAPIs represent a wide range of nationalities, cultures and backgrounds, and is one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse groups in America, tracing their heritage to over 30 different countries and ethnic groups and speak over 100 languages and dialects; and

WHEREAS, during AAPI Heritage Month, we acknowledge the challenges and additional determination, hard work and perseverance AAPIs must put forth to be heard and seen in our society; and

WHEREAS, AAPIs make up only 4% of the 65,398 population of the Village of Wellington community, however, we summon every member of our community to strive and build on togetherness, to have cultural awareness and to celebrate our diversity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Wellington, Florida's Council, hereby proclaims May 2021 as "Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in the Village of Wellington.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 11th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:	WELLINGTON, FLORIDA
<i>Ву</i> :	<i>By:</i>
Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk	Anne Gerwig, Mayor