



**WHEREAS**, The United States of America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different people who choose to come here and become our fellow residents; and

**WHEREAS**, each brings a part of his or her heritage, which over time becomes part of our shared culture and the fabric of our society, and generations of Asian Americans have helped to make the United States of America what it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States of America, with a significant Taiwanese American population in Rockville, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwanese Americans have made enormous contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of Democracy and self-determination here and in their homeland; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwanese Americans have succeeded as successful artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, teachers, human rights activists, and business leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwanese Americans can be proud of their roots and their vital role in the continued growth of our nation, and this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS**, we, the City of Rockville, celebrate Taiwanese culture and recognize Rockville's Sister City, Yilan City, Taiwan, including the annual Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival in Rockville (September 2025) which is one of the largest gatherings of its kind in the United States ; and

**WHEREAS**, During this special week, along with fellow residents, Taiwanese Americans can embrace America's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation.

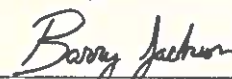
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim **May 11 – 18, 2025**, to be "**Taiwanese American Heritage Week**" in Rockville, Maryland, encourage all residents to observe, celebrate and enjoy this special week.



  
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May 12, 2025