



**WHEREAS**, May 18 is the birthday of Vincent Chin, who was brutally murdered in a hate crime in 1982. His murder fueled a national Asian American activist movement that continues to this day; 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**, 1 in 5 Asian Americans (AAs; 21.2%) and Pacific Islanders (PIs; 20.0%) have experienced a hate incident in 2021, and 8 out of 10 AAPI youth (77%) express anger over the current anti-Asian hate in this nation; and

**WHEREAS** every day, kids of all ages suffer from being bullied in schools and online across the country.; and

**WHEREAS**, In honor of Vincent Chin and the AAPI community, **May 18 shall be an AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate**; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim **May 18, 2022**, as **Asian American and Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate**, and urge the Rockville community to support efforts to fight bullying and encourage tolerance, understanding, and compassion for all people.



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**May 16, 2022**