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Request a Proclamation

Proclamations are issued by the Mayor and Council to celebrate and acknowledge the milestones and achievements of organizations and individuals that reflect and enhance the ideals and principles of the City of Rockville. They are also issued to recognize and raise public awareness about charitable endeavors and events of cultural significance to the City of Rockville and the life of the Rockville community. Proclamations may recognize an event, day, week or month, such as Earth Month.

Proclamations are evaluated on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the Mayor and Council. No request for a proclamation by an individual or organization has a guarantee of being granted. Proclamations issued by the Mayor and Council do not constitute a personal or civic endorsement by the Mayor and Council or the city.

Proclamations will not be issued for requests that pertain to any of the following:

- *Matters which defame others, or mischaracterize, impugn, or defame the City of Rockville*
- *Matters attempting to influence city policy*
- *Matters of political controversy, political party affiliations, or political organizations*
- *Individual or personal convictions, or illegal matters*
- *Discriminatory, obscene, or inflammatory matters*
- *Celebrations of a personal nature, campaigns, or events contrary to the city charter, code or policies*

To request a proclamation, complete the form below at least six weeks before the date(s) being commemorated.

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| Name of Requesting Individual/Group/Organization | Act To Change |
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| Name to Appear on the Proclamation | Vincent Chin |
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| Provide a brief description of what you would like commemorated by the proclamation. | Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Day Against Bullying and Hate |
| Provide the date(s) to be commemorated by the proclamation, such as a specific day, week, or month. | May 18, 2025 |
| Provide a few key facts to be included on the proclamation. | <p>Whereas May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Whereas we have seen a staggering rise in bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in recent years.</p> <p>Whereas every day, kids of all ages suffer from being bullied in schools and online across the country.</p> <p>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 certain AAPI groups – including South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Micronesian, LGBTQ+, immigrant, and limited English proficient youth – are more likely to be the targets of bullying.</p> <p>1 in 3 youth reported being bullied in school in the past year.</p> <p>Two-thirds said they were bullied because of their identities, with their race being the most common.</p> <p>Being bullied significantly increased mental health concerns.</p> <p>Feelings of belonging within their school protected bullied students from experiencing increased mental health concerns.</p> <p>Whereas Act To Change is a national nonprofit working to end bullying among Asian American and Pacific Islander youth. To find resources, visit ActToChange.org.</p> <p>Be it resolved, in honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Vincent Chin, May 18 shall be an AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate.</p> <p>Resolved, we join Act To Change in sharing one vision -</p> |

a world where all youth have the opportunity to grow up feeling proud and supported in their identities.

Attach a draft proclamation, if possible.

[May 18th, 2025 - Proclamation Letter.docx.pdf](#)

Describe how the proclamation would advance or support one or more of the city's guiding principles (public safety, economic development, housing, effective and efficient service delivery, and stewardship of the environment and infrastructure).

The AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate proclamation would advance the city's guiding principles in several ways:

Public Safety – By officially recognizing this day, the city reinforces its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of AAPI residents. Bullying and hate crimes threaten public safety, and this proclamation would raise awareness, promote anti-bullying initiatives, and foster a culture of inclusion that deters violence and discrimination.

Economic Development – A safe and inclusive environment attracts businesses, entrepreneurs, and a diverse workforce. By supporting AAPI communities and ensuring they feel protected, the city strengthens its reputation as a welcoming place for investment, innovation, and cultural contributions that drive economic growth.

Effective and Efficient Service Delivery – The proclamation highlights the city's dedication to addressing social issues that impact its residents. A formal stance against bullying and hate ensures that local agencies, schools, and community organizations are aligned in their efforts to provide resources, education, and support systems to those affected.

Stewardship of the Environment and Infrastructure – A commitment to inclusivity and safety fosters strong, connected communities where residents take pride in their city. When people feel safe and valued, they are more likely to engage in civic life, support community programs, and contribute to initiatives that maintain and enhance shared public spaces.

By issuing this proclamation, the city demonstrates leadership in fostering a safe, inclusive, and thriving community for all.

What date would you like to receive the proclamation by?

5/1/2025

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