

WHEREAS, our country is strengthened by the many cultures and people that live in America and contribute greatly to our society, economy and way of life; and

WHEREAS, over 300,000 Asian Americans now reside in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area, representing a rapidly growing segment of the population of our city and nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, while Asian Americans celebrate their unique and rich history, culture and traditions, they also share values that are common throughout America, such as dedication to family, love of freedom, excellence in education, and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, today Asian Americans have made important contributions to our city and our nation in government, business, education, science and other fields, and because of their hard work and entrepreneurship Asian Americans have prospered and achieved success; and

WHEREAS, each year, the President of the United States of America, joined by elected officials and leaders throughout the country, collectively issue proclamations in the month of May to recognize the importance and the richness that the Asian American community adds to the cultural fabric of our society; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, Asian Americans will join together to host celebrations and educational events to honor the strong heritage, history, and culture of their ancestral homeland and their role in the future of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew Marchant, Mayor of the City of Carrollton, and on behalf of the Carrollton City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as **ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** in recognition of the invaluable contributions that Asian Americans have made to our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Carrollton, Texas to be affixed this 17th day of May, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Marchant', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Marchant, Mayor