WHEREAS, Congress enacted a law in 1992 annually designating the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to celebrate the influence and contributions of those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin to the history, culture and achievements of the United States; and

WHEREAS, some residents of College Township who hail originally from the many diverse countries on the Asian continent and the many Pacific Islands are recent immigrants, and others are first, second, third, fourth or fifth generation Americans; and

WHEREAS, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin are the largest racial minority group in Centre County, and have enriched the ethnic and social fabric of Centre County, including College Township, with their diverse languages, cultures, and religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin contribute to and enrich our community with their creativity, enterprise and skill as professors, scientists, technologists, doctors, students, entrepreneurs, artists, workers, writers, investors, elected officials, philanthropists and more, building and supporting a vibrant and resilient economy in College Township; and

WHEREAS, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin are our beloved friends and family, our cherished neighbors, and valued members of College Township, where we remain committed to embracing and accepting all our residents from diverse backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the College Township Council, do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in College Township and encourage all residents to celebrate the history and culture of Asian Pacific Islanders and Asian Pacific Americans and their vital contributions to our community.

Duly adopted, this 20th Day of April 2023, by the Council of the Township of College, Centre County.

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:

ATTEST: Carla Stilson

Adam T. Brumbaugh, Secretary

Carla Stilson, Chair