



Mayor & Council Meeting Date: May 3, 2021

Agenda Item Type: Proclamation

Department: City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Office

Responsible Staff: Sara Taylor-Ferrell

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## Subject

Proclamation Declaring May 9-16, 2021 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week

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## Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council read and approve the proclamation.

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## Discussion

Taiwanese American Heritage Week, conceived by the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) in 1999 and Taiwan Culture week, here in Rockville, is celebrated between May 9 and May 16, 2021.

The City of Rockville has enjoyed a Sister City relationship with Yilan City, Taiwan since July 17, 2019. From the commencement of relations between Rockville and Yilan City, there have been nearly a dozen cultural and educational exchanges, as well as local Rockville – Taiwan cultural events, allowing all of Rockville’s citizens to participate.

In June of 2020, Yilan City and the people of Taiwan, donated \$75,000 of personal protective equipment (PPE) to help Rockville with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier this year, Rockville Sister City Corporation counterpart organization, the Yilan Sister Cities Corporation, celebrated its one year anniversary. Under the leadership of 李建成 (Dr. Chine-chen Lee), while working closely with 江聰淵 (Mayor Tsung-yuan Chiang) and the Yilan City Government, the Yilan Sister Cities Corporation has provided the highest level of commitment in support of the Rockville-Yilan City Sister City relationship, including their contribution of PPE to the City of Rockville.

The subject Proclamation celebrates Taiwanese American Heritage, Taiwanese culture and Rockville’s Sister City relationship with Yilan City, Taiwan.

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## Mayor and Council History

The Mayor and Council has issued this Proclamation annually.

**Attachments**

2021 Proclamation Declaring May 9 – 16 Taiwanese American Heritage Week (PDF)