

# *Town of Sykesville*



## **ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION May 2025**

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, Congress designated the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the United States to celebrate the significant contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage to the growth, history, culture, and achievements of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, because the majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebrates the achievements of this diverse group of individuals that make up 7% of the population of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the state of Maryland's economy in the fields of healthcare, science and technology, entrepreneurship, education and research, real estate, and investment. They contribute to all facets of life, including arts, culture, government, heritage and history preservations, and philanthropies; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islander history and culture are marked by a struggle for freedom, equity, and justice, prevailing over the adversity of exclusion, persecution, and incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, we, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Sykesville, are proud to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, commemorating the essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made in our town, state, and country.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Sykesville that the month of May 2025 is proclaimed as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

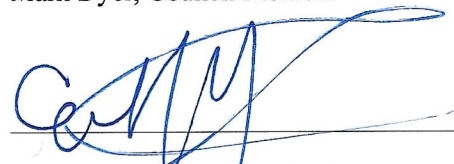
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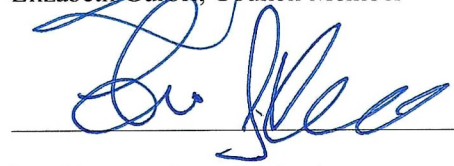
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of Sykesville to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 2025.

  
Stacy Link, Mayor

  
Anna Carter, Council President

  
Mark Dyer, Council Member

  
Elizabeth Guroff, Council Member

  
Leo Keenan, Council Member

  
Alexandra Ries, Council Member

  
Jeremiah Schofield, Council Member

