



WHEREAS, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different people who choose to come here and become residents. Each brings part of their own heritage to contribute to our common culture over time. Generations of Asian-Americans have helped make America what it is today; and

WHEREAS, more than 700,000 Taiwanese-Americans live in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese-American population in the City of Rockville and greater Rockville. Taiwanese-Americans make enormous contributions across all sectors of American society, for example, having succeeded as notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, scholars, professors, human rights activists, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese-American week recognizes the pride of these residents in their origins from Taiwan and integration into the American story. A common heritage of a quest for freedom and democracy connects the United States and Taiwan, and these residents bridge that heritage across the ocean; and

WHEREAS, this week also honors the longstanding friendship of the United States and Taiwan, as well as our local Sister City relationship with Yilan City. We recognize the resilience and perseverance of Taiwan facing geopolitical challenges and express our support for the Taiwanese homeland and the self-determination of its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim May 10 - May 17, 2026, to be **Taiwanese American Heritage Week** and encourage all residents to observe, celebrate, and enjoy this special week.




Monique Ashton, Mayor


Kate Fulton, Councilmember


Izola (Zola) Shaw, Councilmember


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May 4, 2026