Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF
ASIAN and PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated each May to commemorate the many contributions of Asian and Pacific Island Americans which have shaped our country; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent very diverse ethnic groups, including all those who have immigrated to the United States themselves or whose ancestors originated from the continent of Asia and the numerous Pacific Islands known as Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia; and

WHEREAS, Generation after generation, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have courageously reached for their hopes and dreams and forged a proud legacy that reflects the spirit of our Nation; often in the face of severe racial bias and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The triumphs, perseverance and achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multicultural customs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islanders have played a significant role in our local history and the community fabric of Washington County with enormous contributions to science, education, agriculture, government, commerce, the arts and many other fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's observance is ***Unite Our Nation by Empowering Equality***;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this fifth day of May, 2020, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2020 as "Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month," encouraging all residents of Washington County to share in this special tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who continue to enrich our nation and our local community.

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Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Board Chair

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Recording Secretary

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Minute Order