

# *Proclamation*

## *Board of Commissioners for Washington County*

### A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF

#### ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Commissioners take pride in recognizing May 2024 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, honoring and celebrating the many significant contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Island people who have enriched the history of our nation and of Washington County, and who are instrumental in its ongoing and future successes; and

**WHEREAS**, the official designation of May as AANHPI Heritage Month was signed into law in 1992 and celebrates all Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, known as the AANHPI community whose variety of contributions have built our culture and society; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate all of those who are included within the AANHPI community, which is made up of culturally and linguistically diverse peoples, representing populations from many countries and islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for this year's observance is **Advancing Leaders Through Innovation**, which pays homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped our AANHPI history and continue to influence our collective future; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize and remain committed to the belief that opportunity is "a set of circumstances that make it possible to do something," and that opportunity can be built, it can be accessed, it can be achieved, or it can be given; and

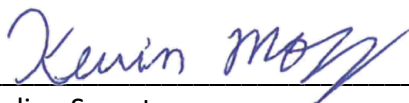
**WHEREAS**, we recognize the innumerable contributions, vibrant cultures, and rich heritage of the AANHPI community; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge, appreciate, and continue to seek the contributions and leadership of the many Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders who have played a significant role in our local history and the community fabric of Washington County in the fields of science, education, agriculture, government, commerce, the arts and many others.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this 23rd day of April 2024, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2024 as “Asian American, Native Hawaiian 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 Americans 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