

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is dedicated to the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans are a vital constituent of the Olympia community and the Olympia population continues to grow in diversity; and*

*WHEREAS, these communities are an integral part of the beautiful diversity, history, and culture of Olympia; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans comprise many ethnicities and languages, and their many achievements embody the American experience; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans Heritage Month is a time to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans to American history, society and culture; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans community members are leaders in all aspects of American life: distinguished in science, medicine, and technology; innovative farmers and ranchers; distinguished lawyers, judges and government leaders; in the arts, literature, and sports; as war heroes who have defended our country; small business owners and healthcare heroes currently on the front lines of the pandemic; and*

*WHEREAS, while we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian and Pacific Islanders that enrich our history, society and culture, we must also acknowledge a darker aspect of the ANHPIA experience in America - structural discrimination, prejudice and injustice; and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize the perseverance of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities that have withstood xenophobia and racism for generations with resilience and strength now and throughout history; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month provides the opportunity to educate the public on the role of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans in American history, and is a time to celebrate the advancement of civil rights and equal opportunity for all people; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim May 2022 as*

**ASIAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

*And encourage all Olympians to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans to our country, our state and our city.*

*SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022.*

*OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL*

*Cheryl Selby  
Mayor*