

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond is proud to recognize May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, celebrating the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of people of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander descent; and

WHEREAS, AANHPI communities represent a vibrant and diverse array of cultures, languages, and traditions that have shaped the social, economic, and cultural fabric of Redmond and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the observance of AANHPI Heritage Month originated from the efforts to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in May 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad in May 1869, which was built in large part by Chinese immigrant laborers; and

WHEREAS, AANHPI individuals have made and continue to make significant contributions in infrastructure and labor, technology and innovation, economic impact, academic and scientific leadership, legal and social justice, arts, and labor movements; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme for AANHPI Heritage Month is "Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together." This theme emphasizes leveraging collective strength, storytelling, and building bridges across diverse populations to foster resilience and connection; and

WHEREAS, this month provides an opportunity for all residents to learn about, reflect upon, and celebrate the cultural heritage, resilience, and ongoing contributions of AANHPI communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as:

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

in Redmond, and encourage all residents to participate in activities and celebrations that honor the history, culture, and contributions of AANHPI communities.



Angela Birney, Mayor  
May 2026

#### **City Hall**

15670 NE 85th Street  
PO Box 97010  
Redmond, WA  
98073-9710