

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, observed each May, is a celebration highlighting the diverse history and cultures of Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders throughout the United States. AANHPI contributions have and continue to impact American life in all aspects, from science and medicine, literature and art, sports and recreation, government and politics to activism and law; and

WHEREAS, The theme for the May 2025 AANHPI is "A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience," which honors the hard work of leaders who established a foundation for future generations to thrive and adapt to change and adversity. We recognize the achievements of those who have paved the way igniting the passions of those who will follow. We strive to continue breaking barriers, honor our traditions, and inspire the next generation of AANHPI leaders; and

WHEREAS, This commemoration, first known as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, was signed into law as a joint resolution by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. Twelve years later, Congress expanded the observance from a week to a month. In 1992, President George H.W. Bush designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. In 2009, during the Barack Obama Presidential Administration, this tribute was renamed Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. On April 30, 2021, President Joe Biden signed Proclamation 10189, recognizing the month of May as Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS The month of May was selected to acknowledge the first Japanese immigrants to America on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the states by Chinese laborers on May 10, 1869, also known as Golden Spike Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as:

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

and encourage everyone to recognize this month by acknowledging the numerous and longstanding contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders throughout the history of the United States.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Angela Birney". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Angela Birney, Mayor
May 2025