

Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH 2023

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners take pride in recognizing May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, honoring 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 Opportunity*, which reflects Washington County's strong commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for innovation, critical thinking and strategic leadership that support our mission of public service to our all our residents; 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

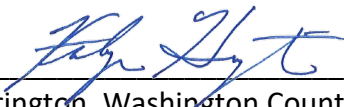
WHEREAS, we believe that the foundation of our great society and thus our great nation is known as "the land of opportunity," which in turn attracts many thousands of immigrants from all over the world to come to the United States to gain access to these opportunities, establishing roots, integrating, and bridging cultures to become a collective America; 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

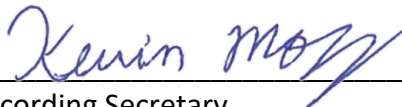
significant role in our local history and the community fabric of Washington County in the fields of science, education, agriculture, government, commerce, the arts and many others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 25th day of April 2023, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2023 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.





Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Board Chair



Recording Secretary

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Minute Order