

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING MAY 2024 AS ASIAN AMERICAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation declares May 2024 to be Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville to celebrate Asian-Pacific American residents' contributions and achievements in our community.

WHEREAS, the theme of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in 2024 is 'Advancing Leaders Through Innovation', which according to the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) "pays homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped AANHPI history and continue to influence our collective future"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is fortunate to be a diverse community, including residents with roots in Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) make our Nation more vibrant through their diversity of cultures, languages, and religions and enrich this country's history, arts, sciences, government, military, commerce, and education; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that it is essential to continue to learn about AANHPI communities, celebrate their experiences, and honor the invaluable contributions they have made; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that AANHPI communities have faced discrimination and adversity throughout our Nation's history, and we stand with the AANHPI community in denouncing all acts of hate and violence; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad, on May 10, 1869, with tracks laid mostly by Chinese immigrants.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville acknowledge the contributions and achievements of Asian-Pacific American residents in our community and declare May 2024 as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Robert S. Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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