



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS 'ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH' IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, in San Juan County, residents self-identify as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander, as well as identifying with their national or cultural origins and roots; and

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 country, state, and county. AANHPI contributions have and continue to impact island life in all aspects, from science and medicine, literature and art, sports and recreation, government and politics, to activism and law; and

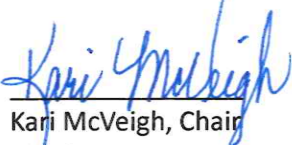
WHEREAS, This commemoration, first known as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, was signed into law as a joint resolution by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. It has since evolved over the decades into a monthlong tribute with Proclamation 10189, recognizing the month of May as Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge past and current hardships and continued inequities that exist for Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Americans, and we strive to foster inclusion and advance equity practices that provide all members of our community opportunities to thrive in a just society; and


WHEREAS, today more than 700,000 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders live in Washington, representing 48 Asian and Pacific Island nations and, through their actions, make our state and county a more vibrant, prosperous, and secure community. These residents continue their rich tradition of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of San Juan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Juan County Council, in the State of Washington, does hereby proclaim May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month and encourages all residents, businesses, and visitors to recognize AANHPI Heritage Month by engaging in dialogue, sharing stories, and collaborating with local partners, organizations, and residents in an effort to make San Juan County an inclusive and welcoming space for all.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the San Juan County Council at a regularly scheduled meeting held on April 22, 2025.


Kari McVeigh, Chair
District 1

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