



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi American and Native Hawaiians, have enriched American history for over five centuries, beginning with the arrival of the first Filipino immigrants to the Americas in the 16th century; and

WHEREAS, Japanese immigrants arriving in 1843, Chinese laborers building the transcontinental railroad in 1869, and Filipino farm workers partnering with Mexican American activists to form the United Farm Workers Movement in 1965 represent a few of the countless contributions to American progress; and

WHEREAS, diverse Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi American and Native Hawaiians immigrant and refugee communities have formed a vital part of the American workforce, contributing significantly to the nation's prosperity and enrich our local communities, states, and nation through contributions in the fields of science, technology, the arts, government; and

WHEREAS, we continue to witness inspirational milestones achieved by members of these communities, including the historic appointments and elections of leaders such as Vice President Kamala Harris, astronaut Amanda Nguyen, and Senator Andy Kim of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, these communities deserve equal opportunity, just treatment, and freedom from stereotypes such as the "model minority" narrative that can mask real challenges and disparities; and

WHEREAS, the solidarity of allies standing with Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi American and Native Hawaiians during both celebrations and challenging times fosters greater awareness and strengthens our City's collective commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as

ASIAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER, DESI AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS HERITAGE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of May, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk