



# *Proclamation*

## *Of the Mayor*

### *Of the City of Los Altos, California*

**WHEREAS**, We recognize 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, our state and of Los Altos; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1992, Congress established May as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month to acknowledge two key milestones: the arrival of the nation's first Japanese immigrants (on May 7, 1843) and Chinese workers' pivotal role in building the first transcontinental railroad (completed on May 10, 1869); and

**WHEREAS**, In 2021, a presidential proclamation expanded the Heritage Month to include Native Hawaiians; and

**WHEREAS**, We celebrate all those who are included within the AA and NHPI community, which is made up of culturally and linguistically diverse peoples, representing populations from many countries and islands; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the immeasurable ways AA and NHPI people contribute to this country, we continue to see persistent racism, harassment, and hate crimes against these communities; and

**WHEREAS**, We must confront past and present racism and fight for the safety and inclusion of our AA and NHPI friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize and appreciate all the ways that AA and NHPI people enrich and strengthen our community;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Sally Meadows, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, and on behalf of the Los Altos City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be,

## **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 9th day of May 2023.



Sally Meadows, MAYOR