



The City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2021

WHEREAS, more than 24 million Americans proudly identify themselves to be of Asian, Native Hawaiian and/or other Pacific Island heritage; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Island Americans have lived and worked in Washington State for over 160 years and have played a part in the rich cultural heritage of this state; and

WHEREAS, the diverse Asian Pacific American population in Washington State numbers more than 674,000, and is representative of more than 11 Asian and seven Pacific Island nations; and

WHEREAS, approximately 19.5 percent of Mercer Island's population is comprised of Asian or Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month acknowledges and celebrates the contributions made by Asian Pacific American in the arts, education, and sciences and to our state's economic, social, and democratic institutions; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month provides the opportunity to educate the public on the Asian Pacific role in American history, and is a time to celebrate the advancement of civil rights and equal opportunity for all people of this state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Benson Wong, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Mercer Island and encourage residents to celebrate the many contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders to our community, reflect on the challenges they have faced in our past, and support them against hate now.

APPROVED, this 18th day of May 2021

Benson Wong, Mayor

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