

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026, AS ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month is observed annually in May to recognize and celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of AANHPI communities to our nation; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, this observance originated in 1978 as a week-long recognition and was expanded to a full month in 1992, reflecting the growing appreciation of AANHPI contributions; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the month of May commemorates the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, built with significant contributions from Chinese laborers; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, AANHPI individuals have made lasting impacts in fields such as education, business, public service, science, and the arts, enriching communities like Norman through cultural diversity, innovation, and civic engagement; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the 2026 theme, “Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together,” focuses on leveraging collective strength, storytelling, and building bridges to foster resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026, as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Norman and recognize the importance of celebrating the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of AANHPI communities and continuing to build a welcoming and inclusive community for all.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of May 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

