

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, Asian Pacific American Heritage Week was established by Congress in 1978 to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to honor the critical contributions of Chinese laborers to the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869; and

*WHEREAS*, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was officially designated in 1992 to celebrate the historical and cultural contributions of AANHPI communities across the United States; and

*WHEREAS*, in 2000, the Washington State Legislature officially proclaimed the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in recognition of the state's vibrant and diverse population, which includes representation from 48 Asian and Pacific Island nations; and

*WHEREAS*, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides an opportunity to reflect on the systemic discrimination, exclusion, violence and other challenges faced by AANHPI communities, while renewing our commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable society for all; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater proudly embraces the cultural diversity of our community and honors organizations, families, and individuals of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) descent in appreciation of their invaluable contributions that enrich and sustain us as a community; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the month of

*May 2025*

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

and I call upon the people of the City of Tumwater to celebrate the contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders in our community and across the nation.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 20th day of May in the year two thousand twenty-five.



*Debbie Sullivan*

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*Mayor*