



# Proclamation

*Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo*

## **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 2024**

**WHEREAS**, since 1992, May is recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island); and

**WHEREAS**, May was chosen as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. Most of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrated in May, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders Heritage Month recognizes the unique challenges faced by Asian Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders make up over 20% of the City of Mukilteo's population and are important community members who make valuable contributions to our city.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim May 2024 as AAPI Heritage Month, and I strongly encourage all to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders.



Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2024

  
Joe Marine  
Mayor