



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

AAPI Heritage Month May 2021

WHEREAS, since 1992, May is recognized as Asian/Pacific American 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-Pacific American 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. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Celebrated in May, each year, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes the challenges faced by Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Native Hawaiians and their vital contributions to the American story; and

WHEREAS, AAPI community members have been disproportionately impacted by incidences of hate and discrimination during the COVID 19 pandemic, and these experiences have disproportionately impacted our AAPI youth ; and

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders make up nearly 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, Jennifer Gregerson Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim May 2021 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 29th Day of April, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Gregerson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor