

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month was first observed by the United States Congress in 1977 and has been observed annually since then; and

WHEREAS the City of Milwaukie wishes to pay tribute to the generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in our community; this month provides us an opportunity to reflect on the vibrant culture and innumerable contributions AAPI residents make to our community; and

WHEREAS the national theme for AAPI Heritage Month 2024 is "Advancing Leaders Through Innovation," Milwaukie encourages greater participation, inclusion, and leadership training for our AAPI residents, acknowledging they will be instrumental to the future success of our city; and

WHEREAS the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is filled with stories of resilience, persistence, and determination, we value AAPI residents as an integral part of the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS as we celebrate AAPI Heritage Month, we must remain vigilant to prevent anti-Asian hate crimes in our community and must be a welcoming and safe place for AAPI residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim MAY 2024 to be ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH in Milwaukie and do hereby encourage our community to explore AAPI history, culture, and accomplishments and to support local events commemorating this rich heritage.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 21st day of May 2024.

Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

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