

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming 2018 as Asian and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. Asians and Pacific Islanders are among the fastest growing communities in Oregon and Multnomah County.
- B. Asians and Pacific Islanders have lived and worked in Oregon for more than 200 years, contributing to the state's rich history, economy and culture. This migration has been both voluntary and forced due to war and environmental degradation in their native countries.
- C. Oregon's Asian and Pacific Islander history is both heroic and harrowing as the community has worked to thrive despite harassment and discrimination, both of which are on the rise today. Today this discrimination is at a high with a national and local spike in hate crimes against the community, especially targeting its Muslim, South Asian, and Southeast Asian members.
- D. Despite the significant contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders, communities have been subject to historic and contemporary trauma. Multnomah County is committed to working together with community partners in order to eliminate disparities by removing impediments to success through programs to increase social inclusion, reduce poverty, ensure language access, healthcare, and support meaningful civic engagement.
- E. Multnomah County welcomes and supports Asian and Pacific Islander Oregonians as vital members of its community. The County actively works with the Asian and Pacific Islander communities to increase understanding and honoring how cultural values can be integrated in multiple systems to better serve the Asian and Pacific Islander community.
- F. The month of May 2018 is nationally recognized as a time to celebrate the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islanders to our society and collective history.
- G. The goal of this proclamation is to continue joint efforts to eliminate barriers to the success and safety of the thriving Asian and Pacific Islander Community in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of May 2018 as Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage month celebrating all residents of Multnomah County who identify as Asian and/or Pacific Islanders.

ADOPTED this 24th day of May 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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