

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming May 2014 as Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Asian and Pacific Americans are working to achieve full participation in the social, economic and political decisions that affect their families by building stronger alliances across all communities in Oregon.
- b. Asian and Pacific Americans have lived and worked in Oregon for more than 200 years, contributing to the state's rich history, economy and culture.
- c. Asian and Pacific Americans have helped advance Oregon's prosperity through their contributions to all fields of education, business, the arts, economic development, science, and technology.
- d. There are over 90,000 Asian and Pacific Americans in Multnomah County, the largest and oldest community among Oregon's 36 counties, with 220,000 people statewide who communicate in over 100 diverse cultures and languages.
- e. The vibrant history and diverse cultures of Oregon's Asian and Pacific Americans are a central part of our state's story and ought to be shared with all Oregonians.
- f. Despite the significant and historic contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans, persistent disparities exist. 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, and support meaningful civic engagement.
- g. Asian and Pacific American history in Oregon is marked by a struggle for freedom, equality and justice, prevailing over the adversity of exclusion, persecution, internment and inequities.
- h. The month of May is nationally recognized as a time to celebrate the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our society and collective history.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of May 2014 as Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage month celebrating all residents of Multnomah County who identify as Asian Pacific Islander with the goal of learning to work together to eliminate barriers to success to allow all in the Asian Pacific Islander Community to prosper in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 20__.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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