

# *Proclamation*

## *Board of Commissioners for Washington County*

### A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF ASIAN and PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated each May to mark the many achievements and contributions of Asian and Pacific Island Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, “Asian Pacific American Heritage Week” was established in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter and then in 1992, President George H. W. Bush signed the bill into law which officially extended the celebration to one month; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent very diverse ethnic groups, including all those who have immigrated to the United States themselves or whose ancestors originated from the continent of Asia and the numerous Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islanders have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and significant perspectives to the history of this country; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islanders have played a significant role in the creation of a dynamic and pluralistic America, with their enormous contributions to science, industry, government, commerce and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for this year’s observance is ***Unite Our Mission by Engaging Each Other;***

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this seventh day of May, 2019, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2019 as “Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month,” encouraging all residents of Washington County to share in this special tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched our nation, society and local community.

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Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Board Chair

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Recording Secretary

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Minute Order