

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Asians, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islander Americans have lived and worked in Washington state since before its founding and have played a part in the rich cultural heritage of this state; and

WHEREAS, these communities are an integral part of the beautiful diversity, history and culture of the state of Washington through innumerable contributions and lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, the diverse Asian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations in Washington state represent 48 Asian and Pacific Island nations and number more than 949,000 people, making them the second-largest and fastest-growing minority populations; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in Washington state foster positive and enriching aspects of the state's cultural diversity, contributing to vibrant and dynamic communities that values tradition, community and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the perseverance of Asian and Asian American communities who experienced xenophobia and racism for generations; and

WHEREAS, the resilience, strength, accomplishments, and joy of Asian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander people and communities cannot be erased by institutional racism; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month presents an opportunity to educate the public on the Asian Pacific role in American history and is a time to celebrate the advancement of civil rights and equal opportunity for all people of this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific American Heritage Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 16th day of May, 2025


Governor Bob Ferguson

