



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
*Snohomish County, Washington*

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26-016**

**RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND  
PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

***WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are valued and engaged members of Snohomish County that contribute to its diverse culture, economy, and workforce; and*

***WHEREAS**, the origin of AAPI Heritage Month dates back to the 95<sup>th</sup> Congress (1977-1978) when five joint resolutions were introduced proposing that a week in May be designated to commemorate the accomplishments of AAPI; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1979, President Carter issued the first presidential proclamation for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The proclamation highlighted the significant role Asian/Pacific Americans have played in the creation of a dynamic and pluralistic American society with their contributions to the sciences, arts, industry, government, and commerce; and*

***WHEREAS**, in October 1992, Congress passed Public Law 102-42, permanently designating May of each year as “Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.” Ever since, presidents have issued annual proclamations designating the month of May as such; and*

***WHEREAS**, despite being artists and activists, educators and elected officials, service men and women, and business owners that helped move our community forward, the AAPI people have endured instances of xenophobia and racism throughout history; and*

***WHEREAS**, as one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse groups in the United States, the AAPI community reminds us that although each of us has distinct backgrounds and origins, we all share similar hopes and dreams for ourselves, our families, and our community; and*

***WHEREAS**, Snohomish County is committed to supporting AAPI residents;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize May 2026 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Snohomish County and encourages all who live and work in Snohomish County to take part in programs, events, and activities celebrating our Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community members and businesses this month.*

***APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.*

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**Megan Dunn**  
Council Chair

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**Sam Low**  
Council Vice-Chair

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**Nate Nehring**  
Councilmember

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Councilmember

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**Strom Peterson**  
Councilmember

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Debbie Eco, CMC**  
Clerk of the Council