



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-023

**RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 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 95th 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, Asian American and Pacific Islanders are the fastest growing racial group in our nation, and make up 12.7% of Snohomish County's population; and

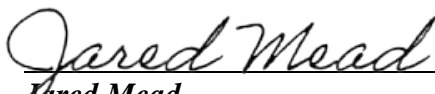
WHEREAS, despite being artists and activists, educators and elected officials, service men and women, and business owners that helped move our community forward, the AAPI people have endured instances of xenophobia and racism throughout history; and

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 2024 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 1st day of May, 2024.



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Council Chair


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