

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – a celebration of Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the United States – takes place annually during May, the month chosen in honor of the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 where a majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese and Japanese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, AAPI have a long and rich history in the Spokane community, helping to cultivate and advance the fields of the arts and humanities, business, education, information technology, law, public safety, science, sports, and the environment while bringing new ideas and economic opportunities and have been serving on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic as health care providers, first responders, teachers, and other essential workers; and

WHEREAS, with increasing rates of anti-Asian harassment and violence, it is more important than ever that we recognize the tradition of leadership, resilience, and courage shown by AAPI communities, and recommit to denouncing, condemning, and preventing acts of violence:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all citizens to celebrate the cultural diversity of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by learning about the many different cultures, languages, and ethnicities that embody the AAPI community.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
7th day of May 2021.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

