

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, then President Carter approved the Senate Bill annually celebrating Asian American Heritage Week, in 1992, President Bush signed into law the annual month-long celebration of May as AAPI Heritage Month. In May 2009, President Obama signed a proclamation recognizing the month of May as AAPI Heritage Month and in May 2021, President Biden established a White House initiative to advance equity, justice, and opportunities for AA and NHPI communities in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, today the designation of AANHPI covers over 42 countries, more than 11 subgroups of cultures. There are 24 million AANHPI in the United States, and 13% of Washington State residents are AANHPI; and

**WHEREAS**, Spokane celebrates AANHPI Heritage Month with cultural organizations joining forces to celebrate diversity and inclusion within the 42 countries encompassing AANHPI, to stand up against Asian hatred, to educate second and third generation Asian Americans about the beauty and diversity of each culture and our differences, uniting us even more in celebrating our own uniqueness and differences:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

### **ASIAN AMERICAN NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH**

in Spokane and encourage all people to celebrate the cultural diversity of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders by learning about the many different cultures, languages, and ethnicities that embody this community.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
12th day of April 2024.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

