

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the vibrant cultures and invaluable contributions of Asian American communities, which constitute one of the fastest growing racial and ethnic groups in the United States, representing a rich tapestry of ethnicities and linguistic diversity of over 15 Asian languages, as well as playing a pivotal role in the growth and vibrancy of the Spokane region throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, on this 50th anniversary of Expo '74 we recognize the historical significance of Spokane's Chinatown and Trent Alley, which existed from the 1800s to the 1970s containing districts of Chinese and Japanese communities, featuring vibrant food markets, laundries, pool halls, hotels, and restaurants, as well as honor the memory of those who lived and worked there, acknowledging the systemic hardships they endured; and

WHEREAS, despite navigating challenging political, social, and economic conditions in the United States, such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the rise of anti-Asian hate and racism during COVID-19, Asian Americans continue to choose to settle in Spokane, to make this city their home and contribute significantly to our community's economic prosperity, artistic achievements, cultural diversity, and civic engagement that make Spokane a truly remarkable place to live:

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 HERITAGE MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all people to celebrate the cultural diversity of Asian Americans by learning about the many different cultures, languages, and ethnicities that embody the Asian American 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

