

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Asians and Asian Americans have made significant and enduring contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of Spokane, Washington, from the foundational role of early Chinese immigrants in the construction of the Northern Pacific Railway to the trailblazing achievements of later generations in education, healthcare, business, government, and beyond – such as Denny Yasuhara and Philip Vera Cruz – enriching our city with their diverse perspectives and innovation; and

WHEREAS, despite facing discrimination, exclusion, and marginalization throughout history, including the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, the forced internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, and the alarming rise in anti-Asian racism during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Asian and Asian American communities in Spokane have demonstrated exceptional strength, shaping the city's growth and sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, Asian American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to honor the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Asians and Asian Americans while also serving as a call to action for all residents of Spokane to acknowledge the injustices these communities have faced, recognize the ongoing work needed to dismantle barriers of inequality and racism, and renew our collective commitment to building a more just, equitable, and inclusive society for all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Spokane and call upon all residents to celebrate, learn from, and uplift the stories of Asian and Asian American communities, reimagining a tomorrow rooted in unity, equity, and belonging.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
1st day of May 2025.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

