

# Whereas

*Whereas,* Portland is home to more than 45,000 community members who trace their roots to the Pacific Islands and Asia; and

*Whereas,* the Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, Southeast, South, and East Asian American communities are proud of their heritage and draw strength from their rich cultures and traditions; and

*Whereas,* by bringing their diversity, rich cultures, traditions; and amazing cuisines, Portland is made better by our AAPI neighbors; and

*Whereas,* Portland's AAPI members come from diverse backgrounds which include various languages, ethnicities, and faiths, including Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism; and

*Whereas,* Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is an opportunity for all individuals and organizations to recognize AAPI contributions, development, and defense for our country; as well as the cultural, civic, and economic life of Portland for over 150 years; and

*Whereas,* Portland, through dialogue with representatives from Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, continues to address the needs and concerns of its AAPI community and remains committed to seek solutions to problems they face such as prejudice, discrimination, and violence; specifically, during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

*Whereas,* Portlanders are encouraged to show solidarity with the AAPI community by supporting local businesses and organizations; and

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim May 2020 to be

## *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*

In Portland. I call upon all Portlanders to recognize and celebrate the vibrant history, cultures, and contributions of our Pacific Islander and Asian American communities.

Proclaim May 2020 to be Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz		
2. Vacant		
3. Hardesty		
4. Eudaly		
Wheeler		