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Proclamation

Proclaim May 2024 to be Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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Whereas, Portland is home to more than 58,000 community members who trace their roots to Asia and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and

Whereas, Portland's Asian American and Pacific Islander population increased by more than 30% between 2010 and 2020; and

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

Whereas, Portland's Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders come from a complex and diverse mix of many languages, ethnicities, and faiths, including Buddhism, Christianity, Catholicism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Shintoism, and Sikhism; and

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Whereas, City Council declared the City of Portland a Welcoming City, a Sanctuary City, and an Inclusive City for All in a resolution adopted on March 2nd, 2017; and

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Introduced by

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Whereas, Portland, through dialogue with representatives from Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, continues to address the needs and concerns of its community members and remains committed to seeking solutions to problems such as prejudice, discrimination, and violence.

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In Portland and encourage all residents to celebrate and honor the cultures of Asia and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

Documents and Exhibits

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