



Proclamation

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Westminster proudly joins Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in celebrating and paying tribute to the contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans to American history, society and culture; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected as it honors the immigration of the first Japanese residents to the United States in 1843. Additionally, May also marks the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869, constructed by the labor of mostly Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans include: Cambodian, East Indian, Hmong, Filipino, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Laotian, and Vietnamese; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Islander Americans include: Marshall Islanders, Hawaiians, Tongans, Somoans, Chamorro, Tahitian, and Moari; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the County of Orange are the third largest Asian Pacific Islander American population in the United States of America after Los Angeles, California and Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, a vast diversity of languages, religions, and cultural traditions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is continuously fostered to strengthen the fabric of American society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho do hereby proclaim May 2023 as **ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH** in the City of Westminster and encourage all Westminster residents to celebrate this time and recognize the importance of the contributions made by Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to the community.

Signed and Dated this 26th day of April 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3