

Proclamation

Whereas, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month is a month to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans to American history, society and culture; and

Whereas, during the month of May we celebrate and recognize the estimated 25.2 million Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander residents of the United States and their vast contributions to the country; and

Whereas, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill in June of 1977; and

Whereas, on March 28, 1979, President Carter issued Presidential Proclamation 4650, proclaiming the week beginning on May 4, 1979 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Weeks; and

Whereas, on May 21, 2009, President Obama issued Presidential Proclamation 8369 proclaiming May 2009 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

Whereas, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders comprise many ethnicities and languages, and their many achievements embody the American experience; and

Whereas, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders men and women are leaders in all aspects of American life and contributing to the United States' economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science and technology and sports; and

Whereas, during AANHPI Heritage Month we acknowledge the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance, AANHPI must put forth to be heard and seen and that these additional efforts are a result of inequitable institutional and systemic injustices; and

Whereas, the City of Manhattan Beach takes pride in its growing population of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander citizens who have enriched our community and are instrumental in our City's future success.

Now, Therefore, BE IT Resolved that I, Amy Thomas Howorth, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

encourage our staff and community to observe, recognize and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders to our country, state and city.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tanura



Mayor Amy Thomas Howorth

