

## 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,* 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 Week; 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,* during this year of the 250th anniversary of independence of the United States, we reaffirm our commitment to stand against racism, xenophobia, and discrimination in all forms, and to uphold a community where every person is treated with dignity, respect, and belonging; 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, David Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

*Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*

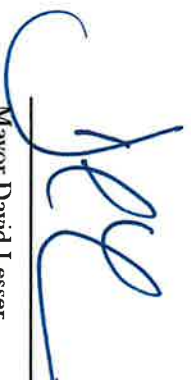
encourage our staff and community to observe, recognize and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders to our country, state and city.

*Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2026.*

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor David Lesser

