

MOTION: Baldwin

**April 10, 2025
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 25-05**

SECOND: BruMar

RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM, AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF MAY OF 2025 AS ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

ACTION:

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month is observed during the month of May to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County is the tenth most diverse county in the nation and the most diverse county in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with over 50,000 residents being of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander descent; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2025 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AANHPI) is "*A Legacy of Leadership Resilience.*" This year's theme honors the hard work of AANHPI leaders who established a foundation for future generations to thrive and adapt to change and adversity.

WHEREAS, AANHPI trailblazers and leaders whose resilience and courage have paved the way for future generations. Lieutenant Susan Ahn Cuddy prevailed against anti-Asian sentiments during World War II to become the first Korean American woman in the U.S. military and the first female Navy gunnery officer. The late Congressman Dalip Singh Saund, the first person of Asian descent to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1956, successfully lobbied to end restrictions to citizenship for Indian and Filipino immigrants and gave Asian Americans a voice at the national level. The late Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta overcame racial injustice as a child of Japanese immigrants in a World War II internment camp to serve in the U.S. Army, Congress, and the Cabinet of Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

WHEREAS, this year's theme "*A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience*" serves as a tribute to those who have paved the way while igniting the passions of those who will follow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognize May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month in Prince William County. During Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we honor the perseverance of those who courageously

reached for their hopes and dreams in our County, and we celebrate the important impact the community has made to our county's progress and encourage all residents of Prince William County to join in celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month.

Votes:

Ayes: Staubly, BruMar, Porter, Baldwin, Pratter, Sparkes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: Johnston, Ginoba, Young

ATTEST: _____

Executive Director