

Proclamation

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 2023

Whereas, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month seeks to honor and recognize the contributions of residents from Asia, India, and the Pacific Islands; and,

Whereas, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a rich heritage thousands of years old; and,

Whereas, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the first Japanese immigration to the United States in May 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, completed predominantly by Chinese immigrant workers; and,

Whereas, Asian American and Pacific Islanders make up approximately 4% of the Adams County population and are one of the fastest growing communities in Adams County; and,

Whereas, Judge Cindy Dang is recognized as the first female Vietnamese Judge to serve in the 17th Judicial District in Adams County; and,

Whereas, Commissioner Lynn Baca is recognized as the first Latina Asian Pacific Islander to serve as an Adams County Commissioner; and,

Whereas, we acknowledge Asian American and Pacific Islanders who have lived and worked in Adams County for many years, contributing to Adams County's economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science, and technological developments, despite institutional, social, and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions; and,

Whereas, the theme for this year is "Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity;" and

Whereas, through the A-Proud AAPI Affinity Group, employees connect and celebrate the diverse cultures and professional backgrounds within our communities; and,

Whereas, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month allows us to appreciate and celebrate the importance of inclusion and building a brighter future for all residents by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims May 2023 as **Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month** and encourages all residents to participate in activities in promotion of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage.