

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May was adopted as Asian Pacific American Heritage month by Congress in 1992 to honor and celebrate the history, heritage, and contributions of Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander populations are made up of many diverse cultures with unique histories and experiences, which enrich our communities every day; and

WHEREAS, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders are important members of our communities and have made valuable contributions to all parts of our society throughout U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders are the second largest population group in Washington state and the fastest growing; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the xenophobia, harassment, violence, and racism that Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities have faced for generations and most recently manifested during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, May provides an opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the current work our Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities are engaged in and how to support those efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby recognize May 2023 as

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and encourage all to learn more about the histories, cultures, contributions and achievements of Asians, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.



Keith Scully, Mayor