

## PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders are important members of our communities and have made valuable contributions to all parts of our society; and

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Christopher Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby recognize May 2024 as

## **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

in the City of Shoreline and encourage all to celebrate and learn more, not only in May, but throughout the year.

Christopher Roberts, Mayor