



## A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Metro Parks deeply values the contributions that our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community members make to Tacoma's social, economic, physical, and cultural well-being, and

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of a difficult year of increasing anti-Asian discrimination and violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, we reflect on the tradition of leadership, resilience, and courage shown by AAPI communities, and commit to the struggle for AAPI equity.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Park Commissioners approved an Anti-Racism Resolution No. R32-20 to disrupt structural and institutional racism and convey the agency's commitment to actively and intentionally incorporate racial equity in its work, and

**WHEREAS** Metro Parks joins our nation in honoring the members of AAPI communities who - for generations - have helped build our nation's infrastructure and create a richly diverse and robust society, and

**WHEREAS**, organizations like the Asia Pacific Cultural Center and Korean Women's Association serve as hubs united in service to these communities while also fostering and embracing multi-cultural relations, and

**WHEREAS** these organizations serve as catalysts for cultural enrichment and education; and, demonstrate their commitment and strengthen cultural understanding by inviting and uniting all Tacomans to take part in activities and events that open the hearts and minds of participants, and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Parks is committed to support and strengthen our Asian American & Pacific Islander community through our continued partnerships with the Asia Pacific Cultural Center and the Korean Women's Association, and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all who reside in Tacoma to continue to battle racism and to build a community that is more just, peaceful, and celebrates all cultures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Park Commissioners, hereby recognize and honor May as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held on May 10, 2021

ATTEST:

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Board President

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Board Clerk