



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 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, Asia Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) has served Tacoma for over 25 years providing authentic, culturally rich and relevant activities, events and educational experiences, and

WHEREAS, APCC partnered with Metro Parks Tacoma more than a decade ago to activate the former South Park Community Building as the homebase for its dynamic programming which reflects the rich heritage of 47 Asian and Pacific Islander customs, cultures and traditions, and

WHEREAS, APCC is nearing its goal to construct a new cultural center building in which it can enhance the range of programs it offers and expand the number of community members it serves, and

WHEREAS, in addition to cultivating cultural awareness, and preserving and celebrating the heritage of our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, APCC cultivates and nurtures relationships with all who call Tacoma home, serving as a bridge to resources by:

- Partnering with Northwest Share to provide free meal services to anyone who wishes to take part
- Providing meeting spaces for agencies like Safe Streets to gather the community
- Serving as a vaccination site for the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
- Partnering with Tacoma School District to help AAPI students to graduate
- Serving as a HUB for AAPI communities to gather and work together as one world of a family, and
- Bringing people together, learning together, and then teaching together

WHEREAS, Metro Parks is committed to support and strengthen our Asian American & Pacific Islander community through our continued partnership with Asia Pacific Cultural Center, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the prejudice and injustices Asian American & Pacific Islanders have endured and 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 23, 2022.

ATTEST:


Board President


Board Clerk

