

PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF BEAVERTON

- WHEREAS,** Beaverton celebrates its strength as one of the most diverse cities in Oregon where one in three residents identifies as a person of color and one in five was born outside of the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities in Beaverton represent over sixteen percent of the population and include dozens of languages and cultures; and
- WHEREAS,** we recognize the generations of Asian American and Pacific Islanders who have enriched Beaverton's history, local economy and cultural vibrancy, and who are instrumental to our future success; and
- WHEREAS,** AAPI Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the remarkable achievements and pay tribute to the generations of Asian American and Pacific Islanders that have contributed to American history, society and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the month of May was chosen for this heritage month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, for which the majority of the tracks laid were by Chinese immigrants; and
- WHEREAS,** AAPI communities have persevered over discrimination, exclusion, persecution, incarceration and disparities and continue to experience injustices today; and
- WHEREAS,** fear and ignorance about the COVID-19 pandemic has led to scapegoating of AAPI communities, a rise in hateful rhetoric, bullying, harassment, and violence; and
- WHEREAS,** misinformation about the coronavirus has impacted the wellbeing of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and those perceived as such, threatening livelihoods of communities already facing economic hardship; and
- WHEREAS,** Beaverton City Council recently passed Resolution No. 4720 recognizing these current injustices and committing to "...work jointly with members of the AAPI community to develop tangible, community-led solutions that acknowledge the experiences of AAPI residents, root out systemic racism, and uplift racial solidarity".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lacey Beaty, Mayor of the City of Beaverton, Oregon, do hereby proclaim **May 2021** as:

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
in the City of Beaverton and encourage all to observe this month.



Lacey Beaty, Mayor