



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: the City of Bellevue takes pride in recognizing May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, honoring the many generations of AANHPI individuals whose cultures, contributions and legacies have shaped Bellevue and enriched communities across the nation; and

Whereas: since its official designation in 1992, AANHPI Heritage Month has provided an opportunity to celebrate the vibrant and diverse AANHPI communities, representing a wide range of countries, islands, languages and lived experiences; and

Whereas: this year's recognition highlights the continued leadership, resilience and contributions of AANHPI individuals who are shaping our communities, strengthening our economy and advancing opportunities for future generations; and

Whereas: AANHPI communities have faced and continue to confront discrimination, exclusion and xenophobia, yet remain a powerful force for advocacy, cultural expression and progress in Bellevue and beyond; and

Whereas: Bellevue is home to a thriving and growing AANHPI population whose achievements in education, science, government, arts, commerce and civic life continue to enrich and strengthen our city; and

Whereas: the City of Bellevue remains committed to fostering opportunity, equity and inclusion for all residents while uplifting the voices, leadership and contributions of our AANHPI neighbors.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 2026 as**

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to learn from and celebrate the leadership, resilience and cultural heritage of the AANHPI community, both past and present.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue