



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: the City of Bellevue takes pride in recognizing May 2025 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: the 2025 national theme, "*A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience*," honors the lasting impact of AANHPI leaders whose courage, innovation and perseverance have strengthened our shared future and inspired generations to overcome barriers and pursue excellence; 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 elevate and enrich 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, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2025** 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.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue