

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*



### IN RECOGNITION OF ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH May 2024

**WHEREAS**, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed during the month of May to recognize and celebrate the innumerable contributions, diversity of cultures, languages, religions, and rich heritage of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AA & NHPI); and

**WHEREAS**, AA & NHPI communities include people with ancestry from the continent of Asia and the Pacific Islands with more than 50 ethnicities, over 100 languages and dialects and is one of the fastest growing racial/ethnic minority groups in the United States making up about 7 percent of the total U.S. population; and

**WHEREAS**, AA & NHPI have contributed significantly to many facets of American culture and society; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we must also redouble our commitment to combating racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against AA & NHPI communities; and

**WHEREAS**, AA & NHPI communities continue to be an integral part of Albany and cultural enrichment of our City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany would like to acknowledge and recognize the Albany Unified School District Asian Pacific Islander Parent Engagement Group (API-PEG) for their ongoing work in the community to advocate, promote and celebrate the interests of Asian Pacific Islander students and families in Albany.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the Albany City Council does hereby recognize May 2024 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and calls upon our community members to honor Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders while learning more about their history.

Date: May 6, 2024

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR