

City of Saint Paul

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul celebrates the extraordinary diversity of its residents and honors the significant contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities, whose cultural traditions, talents, and histories strengthen the fabric of our city and enrich our shared civic life; and

WHEREAS, AANHPI Saint Paul communities represent cultures spanning East, Southeast, and South Asia as well as the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia, each contributing to Saint Paul's shared story of resilience and belonging; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul recognizes that AANHPI communities, particularly Southeast Asian refugee and immigrant communities, continue to face challenges and were targeted related to federal immigration enforcement and deportation policies that separated families and created fear in our neighborhoods, underscoring the need for compassion, equity, and justice in our shared pursuit of safety and belonging; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul recognizes that AANHPI communities still face racism and hate crimes and is committed to advancing safety and trust for all communities through inclusive policies and partnerships that protect families, uphold dignity, and promote opportunity regardless of immigration status or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has designated the date of May 2, 2026, to commemorate AANHPI Heritage Month and celebrate community unity by illuminating the I-35E Mississippi River Bridge in colors symbolizing solidarity, remembrance, and pride in the diverse AANHPI experiences that shape Saint Paul; and

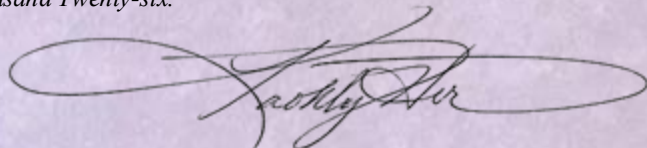
WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul encourages all residents to join in upholding and celebrating AANHPI heritage across the state and nation to reaffirm dedication in ensuring that every person—regardless of race/ethnicity, culture, or heritage—is seen, valued, and supported in a community grounded in equity, compassion, and shared humanity.

Now, Therefore I, Kaohly Her, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 to be:

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In the City of Saint Paul

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this First Day of May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-six.



Mayor Kaohly Her

