

STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon celebrates the boundless contributions, rich cultural heritage, and indomitable spirit of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities, encompassing a multitude of cultures, languages, religions, and historical narratives, each contributing distinct cultural identities, lived experiences, and histories shaped by colonization, migration, resilience, and shared determination, and whose legacies inspire unity and progress across our state and nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Recent years have seen a rise in incidents of anti-Asian hate and violence, highlighting the urgent need to advance healing and harmony through education, community engagement, and cultural understanding, and to uphold the safety, well-being, and empowerment of AANHPI communities;
- WHEREAS:** AANHPI individuals and communities have contributed significantly across diverse fields such as education, healthcare, business, science, technology, the arts, and public service, fostering innovation and enriching the lives of all Oregonians; and
- WHEREAS:** This proclamation serves as a reaffirmation of Oregon's steadfast commitment to advancing equity, justice, and inclusion, ensuring that all communities are empowered to thrive and participate fully in the life of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** The observance of this month invites individuals, schools, organizations, and communities to engage in activities such as storytelling, cultural festivals, workshops, and exhibitions to celebrate the contributions of AANHPI people in shaping Oregon's cultural landscape and by participating in these activities, we deepen our connection to the shared values of diversity, inclusion, and respect, fostering a spirit of unity and shared purpose. In the month of May, Oregon celebrates Asian Americans, including East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, and Central Asian, Native Hawaiians, and peoples of the Pacific Islands, including but not limited to Chamorro, Samoan, Tongan, Marshallese, Fijian, Palauan, and Yapese origins, central to our society and collective history.
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 2025 to be

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day April 17, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tobias Read".

Tobias Read, Secretary of State

