

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County, Maryland

WHEREAS, Since 1990, the United States has observed May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869; and

WHEREAS, During AANHPI Heritage Month, we celebrate and learn about the contributions made by Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the fields of science, government, politics, the armed forces, medicine, literature, sports, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Across the United States, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have seen significant population growth, and in Anne Arundel County, there are approximately 33,500 residents who identify as either Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander according to the US Census Bureau, which is about 5.7% of the county's total population; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) develops a theme for AANHPI Heritage Month, and "A Legacy of Leadership & Resilience" is the theme for this year's celebration; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County supports the efforts of the FAPAC and joins in honoring the AANHPI leaders whose hard work established a foundation for future generations to thrive and adapt.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Anne Arundel County and call upon all of our residents to recognize and commend its observance. Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 1st Day of May in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

STEUART L. PITTMAN

County Executive

May 1, 2025