



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON IN RECOGNITION OF

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 2022

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities comprise the largest non-white community in Fife, WA, and make up 20.6 percent of Fife's population; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was originally chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first known Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and on May 10, 1869 the first transcontinental railroad in the United States was completed with significant contributions from Chinese pioneers; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders make our Nation more vibrant through diversity of cultures, traditions, languages, and religions; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to every aspect of our society, from business, science, education, politics, literature, and arts; and have enriched our nation's history and are instrumental in its future success; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the strength shown and successes achieved, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander communities face systemic barriers to economic justice, health equity, educational attainment, and personal safety; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's observance is *Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration*, which also reflects the City of Fife's strong commitment to an equitable and inclusive city, dedicated to leading with purpose and passion in service to our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate the many significant cultural, historical, and economic contributions Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have made to Fife and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Roscoe, Mayor of the City of Fife, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in the city of Fife, and I encourage all citizens to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities.



Signed this 10th day of May, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Roscoe". Below the signature is a horizontal line, and underneath that line, the text "Mayor Kim Roscoe" is printed.

Mayor Kim Roscoe