



PROCLAMATION

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WHEREAS, there are more than 6 million people of Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander descent in our state and dynamic AANHPI communities are an invaluable part of the rich fabric of our communities. During Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we celebrate our incredibly diverse heritage, and the countless ways that AANHPI's have enriched and strengthened our city, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, we are proud of the immeasurable contributions that generations of AANHPIs from varied backgrounds have made as educators, service men and women, entrepreneurs, artists, athletes, community builders and activists, and in positions of leadership at all levels. As one of our nation's fastest growing ethnic populations, AANHPIs will continue to play an essential role in driving our city, state and nation forward and shaping all facets of our society, culture, and daily life; and

WHEREAS, we must also recognize the discrimination, exclusion, and outright violence that AANHPI communities face to this day. Throughout our history, AANHPIs have been the target of senseless violence, disenfranchisement, efforts to restrict immigration, and other xenophobic policies at the federal, state, and local level. The echoes of this dark history are evident today in the shameful increase in Anti-Asian hate seen across the country. It is imperative that we confront past and present racism and fight for the safety and inclusion of our AANHPI friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Imperial Beach pays tribute to the irreplaceable legacy of our AANHPI communities, and their many contributions to strengthen our state today and into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Paloma Aguirre, Mayor of the City of Imperial Beach, together with the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Dated: May 21, 2025

Paloma Aguirre, Mayor