



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed during the month of May to recognize the contributions and influence of the AA NHPI community to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS:** May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, where the majority of the workers were Chinese immigrants.
- WHEREAS:** AA NHPIs Heritage Week started to be celebrated in the United States in 1978; in 1990, Congress expanded the observance from a week to a month. May was annually designated as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in 1992 under the George H. W. Bush administration with the passing of Public Law 102-540.
- WHEREAS:** AA NHPI persons have lived and worked in the United States for more than 200 years, and have made significant contributions to all facets of the United States, such as economy, culture, education, politics, arts, law enforcement, military, literature, science, and technological developments. Despite institutional and systemic injustices designed to silence and cover up these achievements and contributions, we acknowledge the vital role of the AA NHPI community in shaping the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance AA NHPI persons must put forth to be heard and seen, which are a result of inequitable institutional and systemic injustices; and
- WHEREAS:** Diversity represents one of our greatest strengths, and by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of AA NHPI persons, our City will put our values of inclusion into practice to build a brighter future for all our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND THE ENTIRE DOVER CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2023, TO BE:

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dover to be affixed this **10th day of May, 2023.**

Robert Carrier, Mayor,
City of Dover, New Hampshire