

P R O C L A M A T I O N
**Recognizing May 2026 as Asian American,
Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month in Alexandria**

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria continues to celebrate the rich heritage, diverse cultures, and numerous contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to our community; and

WHEREAS, the growth of this vibrant community enriches our city with traditions, arts, and entrepreneurial spirit that contribute to our social and economic fabric; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the significant roles that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders play in advancing educational, cultural, and leadership realms within Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the ongoing challenges faced by Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, including racism and discrimination, and reaffirm our commitment to promoting inclusion, equity, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme for AANHPI Heritage Month, "Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together" reflects City Council's commitment to fair, inclusive, and responsive governance for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as:

"ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH"

In the City of Alexandria and I urge all residents to recognize this occasion by participating in events that honor and highlight the contributions of our Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community members and to strive for a more inclusive society that values diversity as a strength.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26th day of May 2026.

MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk