PROCLAMATION

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, this community exemplifies dedication to family values, educational excellence, and civic responsibility, which strengthen the very foundation of our society; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virgina, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2025 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 27th day of May 2025.

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

ATTEST:
Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk