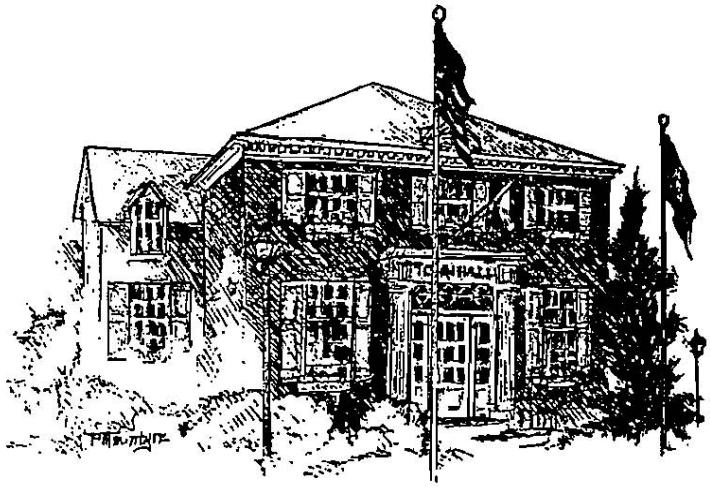


TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
May 2025

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebrates the history, traditions, and culture of Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States, and honors the millions of Americans who trace their ancestry to Asia, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands ~ representing more than 30 nations.

Designated by the United States Congress as a weeklong celebration in 1977, Congress passed a law in 1992 permanently designating the month of May each year as “Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.” In 2021, by presidential proclamation expanded the month to include Native Hawaiians. This month was chosen to commemorate two historic milestones: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 - an achievement made possible in large part by Chinese laborers.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby proclaims May 2025 as **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, together with this year’s theme: “A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience,” which honors the generations of AANHPI leaders who have shaped our country through perseverance, creativity, and vision - often in the face of cultural and systemic barriers.

Further, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby celebrates the heritage and accomplishments of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders; and encourages all members of our community to reflect on their invaluable contributions to our shared history, and to foster a community where diversity is truly celebrated and every voice is heard.