

MOTION: BALDWIN

**April 11, 2024
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 24-04**

SECOND: GINOBA

RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF MAY OF 2024 AS ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

ACTION:

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month is observed during the month of May to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County is the tenth most diverse county in the nation and the most diverse county in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with over 50,000 residents being of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander descent; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2024 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AANHPI) is “*Advancing Leaders Through Innovation*,” pays homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped AANHPI history and continue to influence its collective future.

WHEREAS, AANHPI leaders have made lasting contributions to our Nation’s economic prosperity, technological advancements, and social/political change through their ingenuity and creativity while navigating significant cultural and systemic barriers.

WHEREAS, Prince William County’s Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community have made significant economic, social, and cultural contributions to the County, and are weaved into the fabric of the County’s history and development; and

WHEREAS, for decades, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders have made valuable contributions to all areas of life in Prince William County, by “*Advancing Leaders Through Innovation*” in government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, education, law enforcement, and the military; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander men and women, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission celebrates the importance of inclusion to building a brighter future for all of our residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognize May 2024 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month in Prince William County. During Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we honor the perseverance of those who courageously reached for their hopes and dreams in our County, and we celebrate the important impact the community has made to our county's progress and encourage all residents of Prince William County to join in celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month.

Votes:

Ayes: Ginoba, BruMar, Porter, Baldwin, Pratter

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: Young, Laos, Muz, Johnston

ATTEST:



Executive Director