

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, continued immigration and population growth have resulted in almost 19,895 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders living in Arlington, constituting more than 9.6% of Arlington's population; and

**WHEREAS**, astoundingly diverse within its own ranks, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders contribute to the great diversity of this "nation of nations" that is America and to the diverse and inclusive community of Arlington, preserving the rich legacy of their native cultures while embracing the best values and traditions of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, through their multifaceted skills, traditions of hard work, and creative entrepreneurship, this vital segment of our community has contributed to the prosperity and economic well-being of Arlington County; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have brought with them solid family values and marvelous traditions which strengthen the very fabric of our society; and,

**WHEREAS**, through their unquenchable respect for education, indefatigable industry, and persistent drive for excellence, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have demonstrated outstanding individual and group achievement in academia, government, and business;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 2022, as

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in Arlington County and call upon the residents of the County to observe this occasion by participating in activities that highlight the contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to our society in general and to Arlington County in particular; and to further encourage and urge all County employees of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander descent to participate actively in the celebration of their Heritage Month in the spirit of sharing their cultural diversity and richness.



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Katie Cristol  
Chair