

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

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## ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, continued immigration and population growth have resulted in almost 24,116 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders living in Arlington, constituting more than 10.2% of Arlington's population; and

**WHEREAS**, astoundingly diverse within their own ranks, Asian Americans 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 multiple skills, hard work ethic, 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 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 and Pacific Islanders have achieved outstanding individual and group success in academia, government and business;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as

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in Arlington County and call upon our residents, to observe this occasion by sponsoring and participating in activities that highlight the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our community; and to encourage all County employees of Asian 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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Christian Dorsey  
Chair