

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2024 AS “ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH” IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, in 1978, Representative Frank Horton introduced House Joint Resolution 1007 to propose that the President should “proclaim a week, which is to include the seventh and tenth of the month, during the first ten days in May of 1979 as ‘Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week,’”; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the joint resolution into law and directed the President to issue a proclamation for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week beginning on May 4, 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Congress passed another law which annually designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and the month of May has been recognized as such since then; and

WHEREAS the month of May was chosen to honor the first recorded immigration of Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843 and also to commemorate the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad which was completed on May 10, 1869 and which was completed by a majority of Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, during Asian American, Native Hawai’ian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, we recognize the many contributions and influences of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander Americans to Colorado and the United States’ economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for the observance of AANHPI Heritage Month in 2024 is “Advancing Leaders Through Innovation”; and

WHEREAS, Advancing Leaders Through Innovation theme acknowledges the influential visionaries and pioneers who have shaped the history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders and continue to impact the future; and

WHEREAS, AANHPI leaders have made significant contributions to the United States in the areas of economics, technology, social, and political change, using ingenuity and creativity while navigating cultural and systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the “BOCC”) acknowledges that the current AANHPI population in the US represents over 30 countries and ethnic groups that speak over 100 different languages which are all impacted differently by issues of poverty, health care, educational attainment, and English proficiency; and

WHEREAS the BOCC celebrates the diversity of Asian American, Native Hawai’ian, and Pacific Islanders and honors their many contributions to Summit County, Colorado, and the United States, to building and enhancing our history, culture, and achievements in the past, in our communities today, and into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO, designates May 2024 as Asian American, Native Hawai’ian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Summit County, Colorado.

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2024.

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



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Tanya Pogue, Chair

ATTEST:
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Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder