

RESOLUTION

Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

RESOLUTION: 26-0184

At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Fernando, and seconded by Commissioner Lunde, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, May has been nationally recognized as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month since 1992, and the month of May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants and mark the anniversary of the transcontinental railroad, where a majority of workers were Chinese laborers; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County is proud to celebrate the cultural traditions and languages among the vibrant more than 40 ethnic groups in our community from Asia, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, according to the state, there are more than 320,000 Asian Pacific Minnesotans and the US Census Bureau reports more than 7.5% are Hennepin County residents; and

WHEREAS, the AANHPI community has contributed to not only Hennepin County but to our state and country enriching our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, acts of hate and violence persist against AANHPI residents, Hennepin County will continue to stand with our AANHPI community condemning and denouncing all forms of hate; and

WHEREAS, inequities faced today by these communities stem from our Nation's history of exclusion, discrimination, racism, and xenophobia against Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County recommits to creating an equitable community for AANHPI residents and recognizes that challenges persist as it relates to economic and health inequities and personal safety.

Resolution:


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim May 2026, as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month and honor and celebrate the rich experience shared by Asian American Pacific Islanders in the Hennepin County organization and in the community.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 4/28/2026

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

Aye: 7 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

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