



## **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation**

**Whereas**, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes the rich cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders to the history and development of the United States; and

**Whereas**, May marks the beginning of a month-long celebration acknowledging the struggles and triumphs faced by these communities, including the impact of historical injustices, discrimination, and the ongoing fight for equity and justice; and

**Whereas**, The diverse communities represented under this heritage month include individuals from Southeast Asia, East Asia, South Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Native Hawaiian cultures, each contributing their unique traditions, languages, and histories to the vibrant tapestry of American Society; and

**Whereas**, We honor the extraordinary achievements of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander individuals in various fields, including arts and culture, science and technology, public service, and community leadership; and

**Whereas**, This year's theme, "A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience" honors the hard work of leaders who established a foundation for future generations to thrive and adapt to change and adversity; and

**Whereas**, On May 1, 2009, President Barack Obama signed Proclamation 8369, recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month, and on April 30, 2021, President Joe Biden signed updated Proclamation 10189, recognizing the month of May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander heritage Month; and

**Now, therefore**, I, Council Member Anil Pesaramelli on behalf of Mayor Andrew J. Moore, do hereby proclaim that Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month be celebrated from May 1-31, 2025, and I call upon all residents in the Town of Erie to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

**Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.**

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Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

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Debbie Stamp, Deputy Town Clerk