## **SECOND: JOHNSTON**

## RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF MAY OF 2023 AS ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

## **ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month is observed during the month of May to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County is the tenth most diverse county in the nation and the most diverse county in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with over 50,000 residents being of Asian American and Pacific Islander descent; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americas and Pacific Islanders of all backgrounds have set inspiring examples as leaders and trailblazers, united by a common hope for civil rights, equal treatment, and a better tomorrow for all Prince William County residents; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County's Asian American and Pacific Islander community have made significant economic, social, and cultural contributions to the County, and are weaved into the fabric of the County's history and development; and

WHEREAS, for decades, Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made valuable contributions to all areas of life in Prince William County, including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, education, law enforcement, and the military; and

**WHEREAS**, by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Asian American and Pacific Islander men and women, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission celebrates the importance of inclusion to building a brighter future for all of our residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognize May 2023 as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Prince William County. During Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we honor the perseverance of those who courageously reached for their hopes and dreams in our County, and we celebrate the important impact the AAPI community has made to our county's progress and encourage all residents of Prince William County to join in celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Month.

## **Votes**:

Ayes: Porter, BruMar, Ginoba, Johnston, Pratter

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: Young, Muz, Laos, Baldwin

ATTEST:

**Executive Director**