

MOTION: Baldwin

**April 9, 2026
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 26-06**

SECOND: Young

RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM, AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF MAY OF 2026 AS ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

ACTION: Approved

WHEREAS, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month is observed annually during the month of May to recognize the historical contributions, cultural richness, and enduring influence of AANHPI individuals on the achievements of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County prides itself on being the most diverse county in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the tenth most diverse in the nation, with more than **50,000 residents** of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander descent who enrich our community; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme for AANHPI Heritage Month is "**Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together**," this year's theme highlights the importance of leveraging collective power, telling stories, and being bridge builders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate trailblazers such as Lieutenant Susan Ahn Cuddy, who became the first Korean American woman in the U.S. military and the first female Navy gunnery officer; the late Congressman Dalip Singh Saund, the first person of Asian descent elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, who championed citizenship rights for Indian and Filipino immigrants; and the late Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, who overcame the injustice of World War II internment to serve with distinction in the U.S. Army, Congress, and the Cabinets of two Presidents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognize May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month in Prince William County. During Asian American, Native Hawaiian 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 community has made to our county's progress and encourage all residents of Prince William County to join in celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month.


Votes:

Ayes: Johnston, Young, Porter, Baldwin, Staubly, Sparkes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: BruMar, Pratter

ATTEST:  _____

Executive Director