

-Proclamation
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
May 2025

Whereas, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month seeks to honor and recognize the contributions of residents from Asia, India, and the Pacific Islands; and,

Whereas, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a rich heritage thousands of years old; and,

Whereas, efforts to formally recognize their contributions began in 1977–1978, when members of Congress introduced resolutions to establish a commemorative week in May; and

Whereas, on May 7, 1990, President George H.W. Bush issued Presidential Proclamation 6130, expanding this recognition to the entire month of May and officially designating it as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; and,

Whereas, Asian American and Pacific Islanders make up approximately 4% of the Adams County population and are one of the fastest growing communities in Adams County; and,

Whereas, Commissioner Lynn Baca is recognized as the first Latina Asian Pacific Islander to serve as an Adams County Commissioner; and,

Whereas, the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) has announced the 2025 theme for Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: “A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience”; and,

Whereas, this year’s theme uses imagery of bamboo to symbolize the resilience, adaptability, and perseverance of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, while also recognizing the challenges, including the “bamboo ceiling,” that many continue to face in achieving advancement and equity; and,

Whereas, throughout history, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have transformed adversity into progress through public service, innovation, and leadership—leaving a lasting impact on our communities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims May 2025 as

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and encourages all residents to participate in activities in promotion of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage.