

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND AS AN IMPORTANT TIME TO CELEBRATE THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS TO THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the people of the United States join together each May to pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States is inextricably tied to the story of the United States; and

WHEREAS, National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders encompass all of the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, and the Federated States of Micronesia), and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, and Easter Island); and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1978, the U.S. House and Senate and U.S. President Jimmy Carter passed a joint resolution declaring the first ten days in May of 1979 as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week,” and the U.S. Congress first expanded the observance to a month in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and also to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, since the majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, U.S. President George H. W. Bush stated in his Presidential Proclamation, “With diligent effort and abiding faith in the American Dream, Asian and Pacific Americans have steadily advanced, earning ever greater respect and admiration from their fellow citizens”; and

WHEREAS, Historically, Asian Pacific Americans have contributed tremendously to the social, economic, and cultural fabrics of the City of North Miami; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami designates the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of, and to understand the challenges faced by, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Designation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, designates the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 27th day of May, 2025.



ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DESULME

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Vice Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilman Kevin A. Burns	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<u>X</u> (Yes) _____ (No)