



PROCLAMATION
In Support of
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - May 2024

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have long played an essential role in Gilpin County, the State of Colorado, and our nation. From building our railroads, early mining, serving our country in uniform, advocating for civil rights, starting new businesses, and winning Olympic medals, the contributions of the AAPI community touch the lives of Americans every day; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County is proud to join in the national celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month observed annually during the month of May, and invites Gilpin County residents of all backgrounds to experience these rich cultures and develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the role Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played in our county's, state's, and nation's history and continue to have today; and

WHEREAS, with origins dating back to 1978, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month highlights two significant milestones in the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: the immigration of the first Japanese individuals to the United States in May of 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad in May of 1869, an achievement largely attributable to the Chinese immigrant workers who laid its tracks; and

WHEREAS, Despite the immeasurable ways AAPIs enrich this country, we continue to see persistent racism, harassment, and hate crimes against these communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gilpin, do hereby proclaim **May 2024 as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month**.

ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST: Melanie Bleyler, Clerk to the Board

SIGNED, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF GILPIN, COLORADO:

Susan, Berumen, Chair

Marie A. Mornis, Commissioner

Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner

Signed copy is available from the Clerk by request.