



## EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

*On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County,  
Maryland*

**WHEREAS**, Since 1990, the United States has observed May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869; and

**WHEREAS**, During AANHPI Heritage Month, we celebrate and learn about the contributions made by Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the fields of science, government, politics, the armed forces, medicine, literature, sports, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Across the United States, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have seen significant population growth, and in Anne Arundel County, there are approximately 33,500 residents who identify as either Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander according to the US Census Bureau, which is about 5.7% of the county's total population; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) develops a theme for AANHPI Heritage Month, and "Advancing Leaders Through Innovation" is the theme for this year's celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne Arundel County supports the efforts of the FAPAC and therefore encourages all private and public sector leaders to pay homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped AANHPI history and continue efforts to advance AANHPI leaders who are shaping the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Anne Arundel County and call upon all of our residents to recognize and commend its observance. Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 7th Day of April in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.



**STEUART L. PITTMAN**  
*County Executive*  
*April 7, 2024*