

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, all residents deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion and justice regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, income or economic status, political affiliation, military status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental or sensory ability; and*

*WHEREAS, the origin of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the United States dates back to 1978 when a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week in early May to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843 and contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed May 10, 1869; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1990, the first Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month was designated by presidential proclamation and in 1992, Congress permanently designated May of each year as a month-long celebration that is now known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and*

*WHEREAS, additional Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month information and resources can be found at [asianpacificheritage.gov](http://asianpacificheritage.gov) and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to enrich our region's economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science and technological developments despite institutional and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions.*

*Now, therefore, the City Council hereby proclaims the month of May 2025 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourages residents of Commerce City to learn more about those of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander heritage and to celebrate this month with appropriate programs and activities.*

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Steve J. Douglas, Mayor