

Proclamation

Recognizing the significance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

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

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

WHEREAS the Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and


WHEREAS the month of May was selected for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS the theme for the observance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May 2024 is Advancing Leaders Through Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the theme was selected by the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) and builds on the Advancing Leaders series that began in 2021 and will run through 2024. The theme is an homage to ancestors and invites Americans to explore the legacies, triumphs, and challenges that have shaped AA and NHPI communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dunellen, that in the Month of May we recognize the history, achievements, and diversity of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, and further acknowledge the substantial contribution to the American experience brought by our Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community.

Proclaimed this 20th Day of May, 2024


Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
Borough of Dunellen