DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

ASIAN AMERICAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH | 2025

WHEREAS, Asian American-Pacific Islander Heritage Month has been celebrated nationally since 1992 to recognize the contributions, rich history and diversity that Asian Americans-Pacific Islanders bring to our communities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has been home to members of the Asian American-Pacific Islander community since the mid-nineteenth century, when the first Chinese immigrants began to settle in our state; and

WHEREAS, over 20,000 Asian Americans-Pacific Islanders call Durham County their home; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, Asian American-Pacific Islanders have faced adversity and used their strength and resilience to become leaders and trailblazers in our nation, including but not limited to our first female Vice President of the United States Kamala Harris; and

WHEREAS, the efforts and contributions of Asian American-Pacific Islanders can be seen in every aspect of society, including education, history, politics, health care, economics, and science, playing a pivotal role in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and Durham County are proud to commemorate May as Asian American-Pacific Islander Heritage Month and to recognize the contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans to diversity, leadership, and empowerment throughout our nation's history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

"ASIAN AMERICAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH"

in Durham County, North Carolina, and call upon all citizens to observe and celebrate the AAPI community and to mark this month with appropriate observances honoring endless possibilities of Asian Americans everywhere.

This 27th day of May 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners