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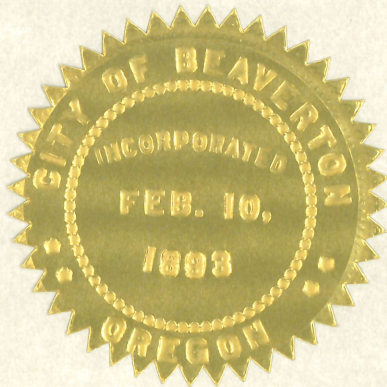
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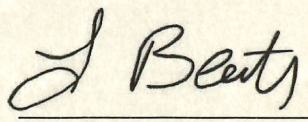
- WHEREAS, Beaverton celebrates its strength as one of the most diverse cities in Oregon where one in three residents identifies as a person of color and one in five was born outside of the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities in Beaverton represent over sixteen percent of the population and include dozens of languages and cultures; and
- WHEREAS, we recognize the generations of Asian American and Pacific Islanders who have enriched Beaverton's history, local economy, and cultural vibrancy, and who are instrumental to our future success; and
- WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen for this heritage month to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, for which the majority of the tracks laid were by Chinese immigrants; and
- WHEREAS, AAPI communities have persevered over discrimination, exclusion, persecution, incarceration, and disparities and continue to experience injustices today; and
- WHEREAS, fear and ignorance about the COVID-19 pandemic have led to scapegoating of AAPI communities, and a significant rise in hateful rhetoric, bullying, harassment, and violence; and
- WHEREAS, misinformation about COVID-19 has impacted the well-being of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and those perceived as such, threatening livelihoods of communities already facing economic hardship; and
- WHEREAS, AAPI Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the remarkable achievements and pay tribute to the generations of Asian American and Pacific Islanders that have contributed to American history, society and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lacey Beaty, Mayor of the City of Beaverton do hereby proclaim May 2022 as:

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Beaverton and encourage all to observe this month.




Lacey Beaty, Mayor

