

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS, This May, during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we recognize the history and achievements of these groups across our nation, and reflect on the tradition of leadership, resilience, and courage shown by Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI), and;
- WHEREAS, from laying railroad tracks, tilling fields, starting businesses, caring for our loved ones, and honorably serving our nation in uniform, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders are deeply rooted in the history of the United States of America, and;
- WHEREAS, we recognize the systemic barriers that many in the AANHPI communities face when it comes to economic justice, health equity, educational attainment, and personal safety, and;
- WHEREAS, we recognize the heightened fear felt by many Asian American communities in the wake of increasing rates of violence and harassment during the COVID-19 pandemic, and;
- WHEREAS, our community leadership commits to standing shoulder to shoulder with members of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities in condemning, denouncing, and preventing these acts of violence, and;
- WHEREAS, we will continue to look for opportunities to heal together and fight against the racism and xenophobia that still exists in this country, and;
- WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders make our community more vibrant through diversity of cultures, languages, and religions.

Now, therefore, I, Justin M. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim **May 2021** to be

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in the City of Manitowoc and I encourage all citizens to learn more about the history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 17th day of May, Twenty Twenty-One.

  
Justin M. Nickels, Mayor