

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 23

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Week was established on October 5, 1978 and later expanded to Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on October 23, 1992; and

WHEREAS, during this Heritage Month, our City recognizes the vibrant cultures and rich heritage of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. We celebrate and honor the invaluable contributions these communities have made to our City's culture and the arts, law, science and technology, sports and public service; and

WHEREAS, we wish to recognize a few of these visionary leaders who are great examples of kindness, leadership, resilience, and courage:

Leu Bo Foo also known as James Bofonda, a well respected resident and astute businessman was born in Canton, China sometime between 1861-1865. In September 1890, as one of the first Asian Americans in Colorado Springs, he opened and operated a successful store that sold goods imported from China and Japan.

Clifford Nakata was a respected architect in Colorado Springs. Nakata completed numerous education buildings, among them the Centennial Campus of Pikes Peak Community College; and ones at Colorado College, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and the United States Air Force Academy.

Cynthia Chung Aki founded the Golden Lotus Foundation in 2011 in Colorado Springs to celebrate tradition and inspire passion for Asian heritage through community resources, education programs, and expand support for culture projects.

WHEREAS, this month, we celebrate Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders communities and pay tribute to all they have done for the City of Colorado Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council recognizes May 2023 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and urge all residents to learn more about the history and to observe this month with programs and activities.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 25th day of April, 2023.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk