

City of Vancouver, Washington **Proclamation**

- WHEREAS, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the people from a diverse background; and
- WHEREAS, each brings their unique heritage, which over time becomes part of our common heritage; and
- WHEREAS, there are more than 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American community in Vancouver, WA; and
- WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have made indispensable contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society as successful and notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, engineers, human rights activists, and business leaders; and
- WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role strengthening our nation; and
- WHEREAS, the year of 2024 marks the 45th anniversary of the enactment into law of the 1979 "Taiwan Relations Act," which – together with the 1982 "Six Assurances" – forms the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations; and
- WHEREAS, due to unwavering American support, Taiwan's voice is heard while it strives for participation in international organizations, such as the World Health Organization; and
- WHEREAS, this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and
- WHEREAS, during this special week, Taiwanese Americans can embrace America's diversity and celebrate our shared traditions that make America a great nation; and
- WHEREAS, this year's celebration includes invited guests from Taiwan Acrobatic Troupe, who will perform at Lincoln Performance Hall at Portland State University in Portland on May 24, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim
May 12th-18th in May as:

“ Taiwanese American Heritage Week ”

in the City of Vancouver and encourage the people of Vancouver to join in celebrating the diverse character of our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be
affixed this 13th day of May 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR