

# 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, generations of Asian Americans have helped make America what it is today; 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 2023 marks the 44th 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, in light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, securing Taiwan's freedom and democracy is ever more critical for world peace; and

WHEREAS, this week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan;

WHEREAS, during this special week, Taiwanese Americans are able to 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 Patricia Reser Center for the Arts in Beaverton on May 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver do hereby proclaim and recognize May 15 - 21, 2023 as

## "Taiwanese American Heritage Week"

in the City of Vancouver and encourage all residents 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 8th day of May, 2023.

  
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR