

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the people from a diverse background, each bringing their unique heritage, which over time becomes a 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. Taiwanese Americans are proud of their roots and of their vital role strengthening our nation; and

WHEREAS, the year of 2025 marks the 46th 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, Taiwan has consistently demonstrated resilience and perseverance in the face of ever-growing geopolitical challenges; 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 "Ten Drum Art Percussion Group Troupe", who will perform at the Winningstad Theatre in Portland on May 23, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver do hereby proclaim and recognize the week of May 11 - 17, 2025 as

“ Taiwanese American Heritage Week ”

in the City of Vancouver and encourage all community members 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 19th day of May 2025.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR