Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have had a significant influence on our country, through our history, our culture, and our success today; and
- WHEREAS, Olathe is proud to be home to so many incredible Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have helped shaped the foundation of our great community, and laid out the path for our continued prosperity; and
- **WHEREAS,** Asian American Heritage Week began in our country in 1978, before May was permanently designated as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" in 1992; and
- **WHEREAS,** In honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, cities across our nation will celebrate with cultural, artistic, educational, and historical community events and activities; and
- **WHEREAS,** Our City is dedicated to celebrating our residents' accomplishments and contributions and thanking them for helping to make us who we are today.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, John Bacon, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Olathe, urging all citizens to join in observing this month by learning about and celebrating Asian Americans' and Pacific Islanders' history and culture.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this 21st day of May, 2024.

John W. Bacon, Mayor

Brenda D. Swearingian, City Clerk