Declaration

Whereas, for generations, Pacific Islanders have forged a proud legacy that reflects the spirit of the state of Utah;

Whereas, we recognize the more than 50,000 Pacific Islanders who call Utah home;

Whereas, Pacific Islanders have long been an integral part of Utah’s ever-growing diversity since the first wave of Pacific Islanders emigrated from Hawaii and established a settlement known as Iosepa in Tooele County;

Whereas, we recognize the achievements of Pacific Islanders in the arts, cuisine, government, business, sports, and other cultural elements that enrich, strengthen and define Utah’s history; and,

Whereas, we honor the perseverance of those past and present who courageously reached for their hopes and dreams in a new land, and we celebrate the impact the Pacific Island community has made on Utah;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare August 2023 as

Utah Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Spencer J. Cox
Governor