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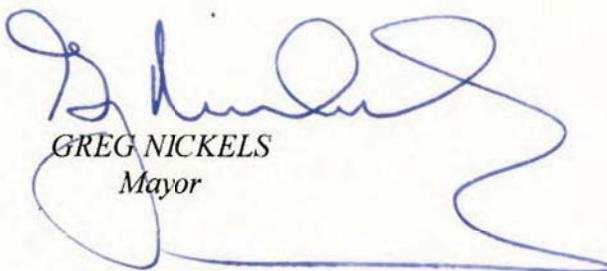
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle draws strength from the rich diversity of cultures and traditions from its citizenry; and*
- WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Islander community has helped shape our city's history, economy and culture; and*
- WHEREAS, our strong Asian and Pacific Islander community has played a significant role in defining Seattle as an international city, while also enriching our local neighborhoods in countless ways; and*
- WHEREAS, through art, music, food, beliefs and cultural traditions, the Asian and Pacific Islander heritage continues to enrich and enhance our city; and*
- WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islanders have strengthened our community, sharing their values and traditions of excellence in education, entrepreneurship and community service; and*
- WHEREAS, on May 27, 2009, people will gather to recognize the struggles of Asian and Pacific Islanders and celebrate the successes of their community;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, proclaim May 2009 to be

ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HISTORY MONTH

and I hereby urge citizens to join me in recognizing Asians and Pacific Islanders for their rich legacy of ingenuity, perseverance and achievement.




GREG NICKELS
Mayor