

RECOGNIZING MAY AS AAPI HERITAGE MONTH: CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, HISTORY, AND COMMUNITY
April 29, 2025

WHEREAS, each May, communities across the United States come together to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. This important observance provides an opportunity to honor the history, culture, achievements, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have shaped our nation in countless ways, and as we begin this month of recognition, we affirm our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and respect for all cultures: and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is observed annually in the United States during the month of May to honor the generations of AAPI individuals who have enriched America's history and continue to be instrumental in its future success; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, which was built largely through the labor of Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, AAPI communities represent a rich diversity of cultures, languages, traditions, and contributions that have significantly shaped the social, economic, scientific, and cultural landscape of the United States; and

WHEREAS, recognizing AAPI Heritage Month encourages education about AAPI history and promotes understanding, equity, and appreciation across all communities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to uplift the voices and stories of AAPI individuals and to stand against racism, xenophobia, and all forms of discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, let us join together on this first day of May to **celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, a time to recognize the enduring legacies, vibrant cultures, and vital contributions of AAPI communities. Let this month be filled with learning, storytelling, connection, and joy as we honor the richness and diversity that AAPI individuals bring to our shared community.

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