

WHEREAS; annually, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is celebrated across the country during May to recognize the abundant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders throughout Wisconsin and the country; and

WHEREAS; Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have resided and worked in Wisconsin for over a century and have greatly contributed to the state's rich history, culture, economy, and tradition of public service; and

WHEREAS; the vibrant and distinct cultures of AAPI communities in Wisconsin—from families who have lived in Wisconsin for generations to recent immigrants and refugees—are a fundamental part of the state's identity; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that this year's celebration comes during an increased time of racism and violence aimed towards the AAPI community and reiterates its support for the continuous efforts of the AAPI Coalition of Wisconsin and its mission to confront violence, discrimination, racism, and hate of all kinds; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates AAPI communities across the state and joins the AAPI Coalition of Wisconsin in working to ensure that all feel safe, welcomed, and included in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of May 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State