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, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders throughout the state and country; and

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

WHEREAS; the vibrant and distinct cultures of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander 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; during times of increased racism and violence aimed toward Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its support for continuous efforts to confront violence, discrimination, racism, and hate in all its forms; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin celebrates Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities, histories, and cultures across the state and joins dedicated individuals, professionals, and organizations in working to ensure that all families and communities are safe, welcomed, included, and celebrated in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

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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 26th day of April 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State