

WHEREAS; every year, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is celebrated during the month of 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 a time of increased racism, violence, and hate aimed at Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to fighting discrimination, racism, and hate in all its forms and to building a state where everyone is safe, welcome, and celebrated; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins folks, families, and communities across the state in celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities and encourages Wisconsinites to join in learning about and celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander histories and cultures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2026 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 23rd day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State