

WHEREAS; Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is observed nationwide throughout the month of May in recognition of the positive influence and numerous contributions of our Asian American Pacific Islander communities to our state and our country; and

WHEREAS; Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have lived and worked in Wisconsin for over 100 years, and have contributed to our state's rich history, culture, economy, and public service; and

WHEREAS; the vibrant and diverse cultures of Wisconsin's Asian American Pacific Islander communities, including recently arrived immigrants and refugees, are an integral part of our state's identity; and

WHEREAS; we are reminded that we must not fear our diversity or our differences, which make us better people and better citizens, and we celebrate the importance of inclusion to building a bright future for all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; this May, we recognize the founding of the Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of Wisconsin and support their mission to confront racism and hate of all kinds arising from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS; this Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the state of Wisconsin renews its commitment to providing comprehensive support to our Asian American Pacific Islander communities and to ensuring that Wisconsin is an equitable and welcoming place for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2020 as

## **ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

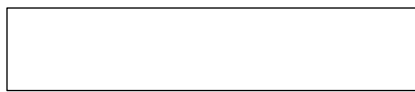
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State