

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

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

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

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes and reaffirms its support for the continued efforts of the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Coalition of Wisconsin and their mission to confront violence, discrimination, racism, and hate of all kinds that have been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 month, the state of Wisconsin renews its commitment to providing comprehensive support to Asian American and Pacific Islander communities throughout our state, and joins the AAPI Coalition of Wisconsin in working to ensure that our state is a safe, diverse, welcoming, equitable, and inclusive place for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2021 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 5th day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State