



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
May 2021**

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to more than 435,000 citizens who trace their roots to Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Islander American community constitutes a vital dimension of the commonwealth's diverse ethnic and social fabric whose languages, cultures, and religious beliefs have enriched communities in all parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, through Asian and Pacific Islander Americans' love of family, community, and hard work, they have helped to uphold the founding principles of our commonwealth for generations. Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs strengthen our economy and our communities through their dedication and ingenuity, inspiring the next generation of American innovation by example; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania, through dialogue with representatives from all major Asian and Pacific Islander American communities, continues to address the needs and concerns of its citizens and remains committed to a proactive stance that seeks solutions to problems such as prejudice, discrimination, and violence.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH in recognition of the many contributions and achievements of our commonwealth's Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of April two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor