



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Over 256,000 Minnesotans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent call Minnesota home; and
- WHEREAS: In 1880, the first documented Asian Americans made Minnesota their home. Since then, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have continued to make Minnesota their home, contributing to and enriching Minnesota's economy, culture, community and politics; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have a strong entrepreneurial spirit. In 2012, there were more than 15,000 Asian Minnesotan businesses employing more than 25,000 people; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Congress enacted Public Law 95-419, establishing Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, in 1978; and
- WHEREAS: Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week is observed in the month of May and coincides with the arrival of Manjiro, the first Japanese citizen to settle in the United States, on May 7, 1843; and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, which employed thousands of Chinese workers, on May 10, 1867; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent share in the belief that all communities need to be visible, understood, and served by their government; and
- WHEREAS: During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the State of Minnesota celebrates the many contributions Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made to Minnesota and remains committed to creating opportunities for youth, workers, entrepreneurs, families and elders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016, as:

ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE