



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The 270,000 Minnesotans of Asian or Pacific Islander descent constitute the fastest-growing ethnic group in our state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's strong connections to the Pacific Rim promote commerce, diversity, and growth of our Asian and Pacific Islander communities; and
- WHEREAS: Congress has recognized May as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month since 1990; and
- WHEREAS: May was chosen because the first Japanese citizens settled in the United States in May 1843 and the important role Chinese laborers in the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, which was completed in May 1869; and
- WHEREAS: Many Asian and Pacific Islanders, as immigrants to our nation, were met with discrimination and violence; and
- WHEREAS: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the traditions and achievements of more than 56 ethnic groups from Asia and the Pacific Islands who live in Minnesota, and across our country; 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 2018, as:

ASIAN AMERICAN 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 3rd day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE