

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 612,567 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders living in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have been making valuable contributions to every aspect of our Commonwealth for generations, in medicine, law, business, science, government, and sports; and

WHEREAS, folks of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Island descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with our neighbors and friends, while also setting examples as model citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have brought with them their spirit of resiliency, commitment to family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for dialogue with representatives from all major Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities to continue to address the needs and concerns of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, no matter your race, religion, or background, you have a place in Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth is proud to honor the history and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in our Commonwealth and throughout our nation.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 2025 to be

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in recognition of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders past and present in our Commonwealth. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to celebrate this important observance.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifteenth day of April two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-ninth.

Governor Josh Shapiro