



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, commemorating the arrival of the first recorded Japanese immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843; and
- WHEREAS:** AANHPI heritage has long been a part of the history of Minnesota and the United States, and May 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the arrival of several Southeast Asian communities in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota records show that the first person who immigrated from Asia came to Duluth in 1873; and
- WHEREAS:** AANHPI communities are among the fastest growing populations in Minnesota, with more than 505,000 individuals representing over 40 different AANHPI nationalities residing throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS:** As artists and journalists, doctors and engineers, business and community leaders, and so much more, AANHPI people have shaped the fabric of our state and opened up new possibilities for all of us; and
- WHEREAS:** The deeply rooted legacy of AANHPI communities and individuals in Minnesota reminds us of both proud and painful chapters of our local, national, and world history; and
- WHEREAS:** When we celebrate AANHPI communities, we recognize that racism, harassment, and hate crimes against people of AANHPI heritage also persist, and ending anti Asian hate and discrimination means taking meaningful action; and
- WHEREAS:** We honor the pivotal role that AANHPI people in Minnesota have played in our past, including economic, political, and cultural contributions from generations of immigrants and refugees, and we recommit to ensuring opportunities exist for the generations of AANHPI people to come; and
- WHEREAS:** All people are encouraged to recognize AANHPI Heritage Month to ensure that the cultures, histories, and stories of these communities are seen, heard, and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as:

## ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

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Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State, Steve Simon

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE