

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH **MAY 2025**

WHEREAS, *The State of Maryland is deeply enriched by the diversity of its residents, and seeks to further promote tolerance, acceptance, and equality of opportunities for all; and*

WHEREAS, *The U.S. Census counts a rapidly growing population of more than 475,000 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the State of Maryland; and*

WHEREAS, *Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was first celebrated in May 1990 to commemorate the arrival of the Japanese immigrants in the United States in May 1843, and to honor the contributions of Chinese Americans in building the Transcontinental Railroad, which was completed on May 10, 1869; and*

WHEREAS, *Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders continue to make impressive and lasting contributions to every facet of society in our state.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2025 as ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-five*

A handwritten signature of Governor Wes Moore.

Wes Moore

Lt. Governor
A handwritten signature of Lt. Governor Aruna Miller.

Aruna Miller

Secretary of State
A handwritten signature of Secretary of State Sean C. Lee.