



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1992, United States Congress passed Public Law 102-450 that designates May annually as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community's long and deeply-rooted legacy in North Carolina dates to the mid-19th century when the first Chinese immigrants settled in the state; and

WHEREAS, AAPIs are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in North Carolina, with the two largest communities in Raleigh and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, in the face of adversity and discrimination, AAPIs have used their determination and optimism to prevail and become leaders at all levels in the United States; and

WHEREAS, AAPIs play a critical role in America's evolving history as trailblazers and influencers in numerous fields including politics, medicine, education, and science; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2017 is "Unite Our Voices by Speaking Together"; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to recognize May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and to celebrate the contributions of AAPIs to diversity, leadership, and empowerment throughout our nation's history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2017, as "**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.