

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ASIAN AMERICAN – PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1977, Representatives Frank Horton (NY) and Norman Y. Mineta (CA) introduced a House Resolution to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage week; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a bill passed by the United States Congress to extend the week-long celebration to a month, and in 1992, the official designation of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month became law; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has been home to members of the Asian American-Pacific Islander community since the mid-nineteenth century, when the first Chinese immigrants began to settle in our state; and

WHEREAS, Raleigh and Charlotte are home to the largest communities of Asian American-Pacific Islanders in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, Asian American-Pacific Islanders have faced adversity and used their strength and persistence to become leaders and trailblazers in our nation; and

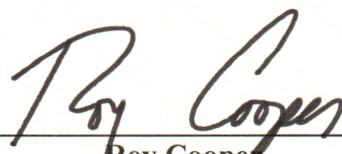
WHEREAS, the efforts and contributions of Asian American-Pacific Islanders can be seen in every aspect of society, including education, history, politics, health care, economics, and science, playing a pivotal role in America's history; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Asian Pacific American Council, the premier organization representing Asian American-Pacific Islander employees in the Federal and District of Columbia governments, has announced the 2020 theme for Asian American-Pacific Islander Heritage Month as *Unite Our Nation by Empowering Equality*; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to commemorate May as Asian American-Pacific Islander Heritage Month and to recognize the contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans 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 2020, as "**ASIAN AMERICAN – 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 seventh day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.