



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Missouri greatly benefits from the contributions of its diverse population, and this administration is committed to honoring those who have influenced our state including the many achievements and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans; and

WHEREAS, the origin of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month dates back to the 95th Congress (1977-1978) when five joint resolutions were introduced proposing that a week in May be designated to commemorate the accomplishments of Asian/Pacific Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, President George H.W. Bush signed a law marking May 1991 and May 1992 as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Months" and Presidents henceforward have annually issued proclamations designating May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month"; and

WHEREAS, the significant role Missouri's Asian/Pacific Americans have played in the creation of a vibrant society includes contributions to economic opportunity through business and entrepreneurship; innovations in science, technology and medicine; leadership in government and the legal community; and academic excellence in education, industry and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, today two million Asian/Pacific Americans serve other Americans on the front lines of our country's battle against COVID-19 as healthcare workers, first responders, grocery store workers and in other essential roles; and

WHEREAS, Missouri observes Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month with many cultural celebrations that highlight its rich heritage and diversity through ceremonies, programs, events, and activities across the state; and

WHEREAS, generations of Americans of Asian/Pacific heritage have strengthened our state through their achievements to make Missouri more prosperous, competitive, diverse, and together, we will continue to make the state of Missouri a better place to live, work, and grow for all people.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 3rd day of May, 2021.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE