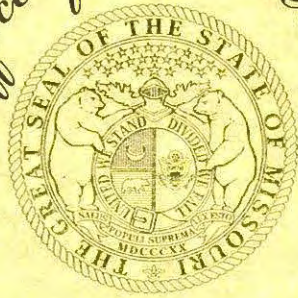


Office of the Governor



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, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month highlights the crucial role that diversity plays in enriching our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans contributed considerably to expanding economic growth and development across the country through the construction of the first transcontinental railroad; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans are an important and growing segment of Missouri's population, having increased over 60 percent from 2000 to 2010; 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, 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, more competitive, and more diverse, 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 2020 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 1st day of May, 2020.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft
SECRETARY OF STATE