



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

2016

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H.W. Bush designated May of each year to be Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, now known as Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, to celebrate part of our nation's rich and diverse heritage; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders make up nearly three percent of North Carolina's population and are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Asian-Pacific American community brings rich diversity of Asian language, customs and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific Americans have set inspiring examples as leaders and trailblazers, playing critical roles in American history; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2016 is "Walk Together, Embrace Differences, Build Legacies"; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2016, as "**ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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 thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.



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