



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New Yorkers welcome the opportunity to celebrate the cultural richness of our many communities that reflect the multicultural tapestry of our state and its vast array of heritages; we are fortunate to be home to a diverse population of Asian-Pacific Americans and, during the month of May, we proudly join in the observance of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month; and

Whereas, the Asian-Pacific region includes the entire continent of Asia and the Pacific island groups of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia, each representing uniquely distinct cultures; the annual celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month provides a means by which New Yorkers can experience and appreciate these cultures – individually and collectively – and develop a greater understanding of the role Asian-Pacific Americans have played in our nation’s history as well as in our contemporary society; and

Whereas, this year’s Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month centers on the theme, “Walk Together, Embrace Differences, Build Legacies,” inspiring the Asian-Pacific American community to move forward in a united and cooperative effort, inviting people of all backgrounds to discover the rich diversity and contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans in America, and reminding all to uphold the valuable mission of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month for future generations; and

Whereas, the growing population of New Yorkers of Asian-Pacific ancestry continues to find success in many professions and areas of endeavor, and today they contribute significantly to the arts and education, business and industry, science and technology, and public service; as a significant presence in American society, we honor the past and present generations of Asian-Pacific Americans who have given so much to this state and nation; and

Whereas, during this month-long observance, our Asian-Pacific American communities will hold cultural events and educational programs that add to our state’s reputation as a cultural capital of the world, and we encourage all New Yorkers to join in these celebrations and express appreciation for the contributions of our families, friends, and neighbors of Asian-Pacific American heritage;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-ninth day of April in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor