



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

*May 2018*

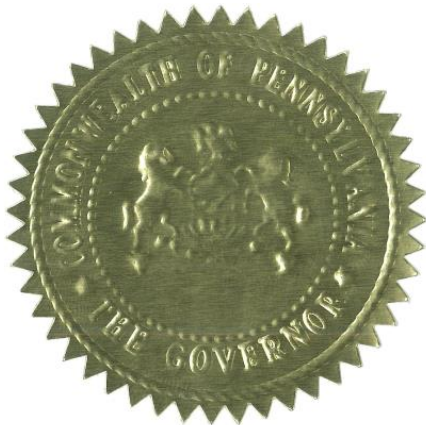
*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to more than 435,000 citizens who trace their roots to Asia and the Pacific Islands; and*

*WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Islander American community constitutes a vital dimension of the commonwealth's diverse ethnic and social fabric whose languages, cultures, and religious beliefs have enriched communities in all parts of the state; and*

*WHEREAS, through Asian and Pacific Islander Americans' love of family, community, and hard work, they have helped to uphold the founding principles of our commonwealth for generations. Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs strengthen our economy and our communities through their dedication and ingenuity, inspiring the next generation of American innovation by example; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania, through dialogue with representatives from all major Asian and Pacific Islander American communities, continues to address the needs and concerns of its citizens and remains committed to a proactive stance that seeks solutions to problems such as prejudice, discrimination, and violence.*

*THEREFORE, in recognition of the many contributions and achievements of our Commonwealth's Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this tenth day of April two thousand and eighteen in the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty-second.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor