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Governor Wolf's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Statement

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs released the following statement today on the catastrophic 7.5 magnitude coastal earthquake and tsunami that struck Indonesia's Sulawesi Island last week, and where the death toll reached over 1,500 and is still rising:

"We are deeply saddened to learn of the staggering loss of human life in the cities of Palu and Donggala following the earthquake last week," said Commissioner Hani White, who is originally from Indonesia. "Those of us who are Indonesian American, who have immigrated from Indonesia and who live here in Pennsylvania, we can still feel the pain and the suffering. We urge the people of Palu and Donggala to please be strong."

Commissioner Niken Astari Carpenter also originally from Indonesia said, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families in Sulawesi who have lost loved ones, as well as members of our Indonesian American community here in Pennsylvania who have lost loved ones and are still awaiting to hear from friends and family."

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