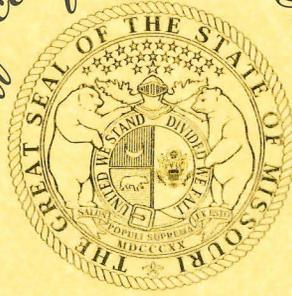


Office of the Governor



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 Americans and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, the origin of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month dates back to the 95th Congress (1977-1978) when five joint resolutions were introduced proposing that a week in May be designated to commemorate the accomplishments of Americans of Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander heritage; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, President George H.W. Bush signed a law marking both May 1991 and May 1992 as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month" and Presidents henceforward have annually issued proclamations celebrating their contributions in May; and

WHEREAS, the significant role Missouri's Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander 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 American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 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, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander heritage have strengthened the fabric of our state through their achievements to make Missouri more prosperous, competitive, diverse, and 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 2022, to be

ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER 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 13th day of April, 2022.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcraft

SECRETARY OF STATE