

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE **MONTH**

WHEREAS:

Throughout our history, Asian-Pacific Americans have made significant

contributions to the collective heritage and quality of life in the State of Georgia;

and

WHEREAS:

The Peach State is fortunate to be home to over 300,000 citizens with Asian-

Pacific American heritage. According to the U.S. Census, this community is one

of the most diverse and fast-growing groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS:

Asian-Pacific Americans are those who trace their national origins back to one of more than fifty counties in the Asian continent or Pacific Islands, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, The Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan,

Thailand, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS:

Asian-Pacific Americans have contributed to all facets of life in Georgia, including arts, culture, heritage and history preservation, government, business,

education, and philanthropies; and

WHEREAS:

During the observance of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, we celebrate the traditions, native languages, and unique experiences represented by Asian-Pacific Americans both across our country and right here in Georgia; now

THEREFORE:

I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in

Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

ATTEST