

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 444,677 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 countries in the Asian Continent and Pacific Islands, including Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Taiwan, Thailand, The Philippines, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS: Asian-Pacific Americans have contributed to all facets of life in Georgia, including arts, business, culture, education, government, heritage and history preservation, legal and medical fields, and philanthropies; and

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

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as ASIAN-PACIFIC 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 13th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

