

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** West Virginia is proud to join the national celebration of *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* and invite West Virginians from all backgrounds to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the roles that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played in our nation's history; and
- Whereas,** since 1979, *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* has highlighted two significant milestones, the immigration of the first Japanese individuals to the United States in May 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad in May of 1869; and
- Whereas,** throughout our history, West Virginia has welcomed people of all backgrounds and has been dedicated to building bridges of understanding and respect within our diverse society; and
- Whereas,** during this month-long observance, our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities will hold cultural and educational events that will enhance the perspectives of all West Virginians.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2025* as:

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Third day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State