

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have lived and worked in Washington State for over 150 years and have played a part in the rich cultural heritage of this state; and

WHEREAS, the diverse Asian Pacific American population in Washington State numbers more than 416,000, and is representative of more than eleven Asian and seven Pacific Island nations; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month acknowledges and celebrates the contributions made by Asian Pacific Americans in the arts, education, sciences, government and economic development of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month provides the opportunity to educate the public on the Asian Pacific role in American history, and the advancement of civil rights and equal opportunity for all people of this state; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Asian Pacific Americans and their contributions to our state's economic, social, and democratic institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2010 as

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 26th day of February, 2010

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire