

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.281

Reps. Puri, Kuppa, Brenda Carter, Damoose, Brixie, Hope, Young, Weiss, Haadsma, Aiyash, Scott, Shannon, Brabec, Witwer, Tyrone Carter, Steckloff, Sabo, VanSingel, Camilleri, Green, O'Malley, Filler, LaGrand, Stone, Cherry, Breen, Cavanagh, Hood, Manoogian, Morse, Pohutsky, Rabhi, Rogers, Sowerby, Steenland and Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2022 as Asian Pacific American
2 Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan is fortunate to be home to more
4 than 330,000 residents of Asian and Pacific Island descent; and

5 Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans comprise one of the fastest-
6 growing populations in both the state and the nation. In fact, this
7 group is the largest-growing population in Michigan according to
8 the last U.S. Census; and

1 Whereas, The Asian and Pacific Island regions are tremendously
2 diverse, with more than thirty countries, numerous languages, and
3 multiple belief systems; and

4 Whereas, Citizens of Asian and Pacific Island descent in each
5 generation, from the laborers who connected our coasts one and a
6 half centuries ago to the patriots who fought overseas while their
7 families were interned at home, to the entrepreneurs and engineers
8 who help our economy thrive, and our healthcare professionals who
9 have served to ensure public health during the pandemic, these
10 patriotic Americans have enhanced our culture, quality of life, and
11 economic vitality through leadership, commitments to knowledge,
12 education, and advancement, and dedication to their communities;
13 and

14 Whereas, The state of Michigan and the United States of
15 America have been enriched by the contributions of Asian Pacific
16 Americans in all facets of life, including the arts, sciences,
17 business, education, and philanthropy. Michigan has recognized the
18 contributions Asian Pacific Americans and other immigrants make to
19 our economy with the establishment of the Michigan Asian Pacific
20 American Affairs Commission and Office of Global Michigan; and

21 Whereas, The culture and contributions of our Asian and
22 Pacific Island residents will continue to grow in significance as
23 more Asian Pacific Americans choose to make Michigan their home and
24 as our economy becomes increasingly intertwined with the economies
25 throughout Asia; and

26 Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans, through advocating issues of
27 justice and equality, continue to break down the barriers of
28 discrimination, indifference, and intolerance, thereby opening
29 doors for all Asian Pacific Americans; and

1 Whereas, Asian Pacific American residents are proudly served
2 in Michigan by many dedicated organizations, including Asian
3 Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, Council of Asian Pacific
4 Americans, Asian American Citizens for Justice, Asian Center
5 Southeast Michigan and West Michigan, West Michigan Asian Pacific
6 American Association, APIA-Vote Michigan, Michigan Asian Pacific
7 American Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association of Michigan,
8 South Asian American Voices for Impact, MI-India Foundation, India
9 League of America-Michigan, Asian Indian Women's Association of
10 Michigan, and many more; and

11 Whereas, The state of Michigan takes pride in its cultural
12 diversity and welcomes the opportunity to honor our Asian Pacific
13 American residents for their lasting, expanding imprint upon our
14 state; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
16 this legislative body declare May 2022 as Asian Pacific American
17 Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens
18 to celebrate the individual and collective contributions of Asian
19 Pacific Americans to this state and to this country.