

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 20

By: Floyd

A resolution recognizing May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; recognizing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in Oklahoma; and celebrating the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has dedicated the month of May to honor the contributions of and pay tribute to the generations of Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) who have made Oklahoma and the United States their home; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States in May of 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed in May of 1869 with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3 percent of all Oklahomans identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander, citing origins in Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, Vietnam, Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is a diverse population, comprised of over 45 distinct ethnicities and over 100 language dialects; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma City is home to the state's vibrant Asian District, created in the 1970s by an influx of Vietnam immigrants, and known for its Asian fusion cuisine and commerce; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander citizens have made a tremendous impact on our state and nation, serving in vital roles as state and national leaders, starting businesses, making breakthroughs in science and technology, serving in our military, excelling in sports, arts, education and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the month of May is hereby recognized by the Oklahoma State Senate and the State of Oklahoma as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Adopted by the Senate the 13th day of May, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
day of _____, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.
By: _____