
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 27, 2022

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2022 as "Asian-American and Pacific
2 Islander Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The month of May is significant in Asian-American
4 and Pacific Islander history as it commemorates the arrival of
5 the first Japanese immigrant, a 14-year-old boy named Manjiro,
6 to the United States on May 7, 1843; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1992, the Congress of the United States honored
8 Manjiro's arrival by establishing May as "Asian-American and
9 Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Furthermore, the first transcontinental railroad was
11 completed on May 10, 1869, with the aid of 15,000 to 20,000
12 Chinese immigrants, whose labor was vital in paving the way to
13 the American west; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 600,000 individuals in Pennsylvania can
15 trace their roots to Asia and the islands of the Pacific; and

1 WHEREAS, The legacies of the Asian-American and Pacific
2 Islander communities have enriched American culture and society
3 while simultaneously building and uniting our nation; and

4 WHEREAS, With substantial contributions to the arts, health
5 care, law, military, public service, science and technology, as
6 well as a myriad of other professional contributions, Asian-
7 American and Pacific Islander communities are deeply ingrained
8 in the history of the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, "Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month"
10 is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the accomplishments
11 and recognize the hardships of the Asian-American and Pacific
12 Islander community in the past and to this day; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
14 designate the month of May 2022 as "Asian-American and Pacific
15 Islander Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly encourage all residents
17 of this Commonwealth to learn and explore the rich and
18 significant heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.