



State of Wisconsin
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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 42

April 20, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives HONG, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONLEY, DRAKE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, B. MEYERS, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK, VINING, VRUWINK, HINTZ and CONSIDINE, cosponsored by Senators KOOYENGA, AGARD, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, JOHNSON, PFAFF, RINGHAND, ROYS, SMITH and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** recognizing Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage
2 Month as a time to honor the important contributions of Asians, Asian
3 Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Desi Americans to the history of the United
4 States.

5 Whereas, the people of Wisconsin join together each May to pay tribute to the
6 contributions of generations of APIDA who have enriched the history of the United
7 States; and

8 Whereas, the history of APIDA in Wisconsin is inextricably tied to the story of
9 Wisconsin; and

10 Whereas, there are approximately 22 million U.S. residents who identify as
11 Asian and approximately 1.6 million U.S. residents who identify as Native Hawaiian
12 or other Pacific Islander, comprising nearly 7 percent of the total population; and

13 Whereas, Wisconsin's APIDA population totaled 194,173 in 2020 and has
14 increased 82 percent since the 2000 Census; and

1 Whereas, the APIDA community is an inherently diverse population, composed
2 of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

3 Whereas, the immigration of Hmong refugees from Laos to Wisconsin from
4 1975 through the 1990s enriched the state immeasurably as Wisconsin has the third
5 largest Hmong population in the U.S.; and

6 Whereas, the month of May was selected for Asian/Pacific American Heritage
7 Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May
8 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with
9 substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

10 Whereas, APIDA Heritage Month provides the people of Wisconsin with an
11 opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements, contributions, and history
12 of APIDA communities and understand the challenges they face; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
15 State Legislature recognizes APIDA Heritage Month as an important time to
16 celebrate the significant contributions of Asians, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders,
17 and Desi Americans to the history of Wisconsin, and recognizes that Asian, Asian
18 American, Pacific Islander, and Desi American communities strengthen and
19 enhance the rich diversity of Wisconsin.

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