

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 406 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY KIM, KHAN, FIEDLER, CONKLIN, BRENNAN, PROBST, HILL-EVANS, FLICK, VENKAT, GUENST, VITALI, STENDER, GIRAL, BOROWSKI, DONAHUE, SAMUELSON, SANCHEZ, HOWARD, MALAGARI, T. DAVIS, PICKETT, CERRATO, MAYES, BELLMON, OTTEN AND CIRESI, APRIL 24, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 24, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2024 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, The first transcontinental railroad was completed on  
11 May 10, 1869, with the aid of 15,000 to 20,000 Chinese  
12 immigrants, whose labor was vital in paving the way to the  
13 American West; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 600,000 individuals in this Commonwealth  
15 can trace their roots to Asia and the islands of the Pacific;  
16 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 communities in the past and to this day; therefore be  
13 it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
15 month of May 2024 as "Asian-American and Pacific Islander  
16 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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