

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

It would be hard to imagine a California without the wonderful influence of our Asian Pacific Islander residents, whose customs have become an indelible part of our cultural fabric. The people of the Asia-Pacific region have not only played an integral role in the history of our state, but they also continue to strengthen California as outstanding leaders in every industry and field.

One example of this important and growing influence is that right now there are more Asian Pacific Islanders serving in our state government than ever before. These representatives – along with those working in appointed positions in academia, our justice system and on a wide variety of boards and commissions – reflect our diversity and bolster our state.

This May, as we pause to think about the Asian Pacific Islander experience in California, I extend our state's gratitude to all who share this great heritage. Your accomplishments and triumphs, as well as your struggles and sacrifices, have shaped our state forever, and it is an honor to recognize this special month with you.

I hope all Californians will gain a greater appreciation for the Asian Pacific Islander cultures and the fantastic diversity that makes our state the greatest in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2009, as "Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 15th day of May 2009.



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State