

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

The month of May is deeply significant when considering the pivotal role Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans had in helping build our great nation. It was in May 1869 when Chinese workers helped complete the transcontinental railroad, a keystone for commerce even today. May 1843 is when the first immigrants from Japan arrived in the United States eager to contribute their culture and hard work, enriching our diverse population. Undoubtedly, California is a better place because of the countless contribution made by our Asian and Pacific Islander citizens in the fields of medicine, business, art and philanthropy.

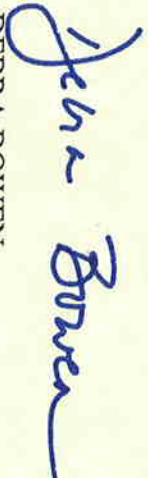
This population is comprised of many groups, including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Filipino Americans and more. They are a strong pillar, helping retain the state's excellence and diversity in many areas. It is hard to imagine what our state would be like without such a prominent and vital group of people whose entrepreneurship, community service and commitment to California enhances our state's success and prosperity.

So this month, I encourage all Californians to learn more about the history and culture of Asian and Pacific Islanders, and to appreciate the diversity that makes our Golden State the best in the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2010, 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 7th day of May 2010.

  
ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER  
Governor of California

ATTEST:  
  
DEBRA BOWEN  
Secretary of State

