Rep's. Puri, Xiong, Brenda Carter, Young, Brixie, Andrews, Brabec, Fitzgerald, MacDonell, Martus, Tisdel, Kuhn, Steckloff, Dievendorf, Edwards, Byrnes, Miller, McKinney, Pohutsky, Breen, Arbit, Glanville, Haadsma, Hill, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers, Weiss and Wilson offered the following resolution:

A resolution to declare May 2024 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan is fortunate to be home to more than 420,000 residents of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) descent; and

Whereas, AANHPI comprise one of the fastest growing populations in both the state and the nation, with a thirty-nine
percent population growth since 2012. In fact, AANHPI is the largest-growing population in Michigan according to the last U.S. Census; and

Whereas, The Asian and Pacific Island regions are tremendously diverse, with more than thirty countries, numerous languages, and multiple belief systems; and

Whereas, Residents of AANHPI descent in each generation, from the laborers who connected our coasts one and a half centuries ago to the patriots who fought overseas while their families were interned at home, to the entrepreneurs and engineers who help our economy thrive, and our healthcare professionals who have served to ensure public health during the pandemic, these patriotic Americans have enhanced our culture, quality of life, and economic vitality through leadership, commitments to knowledge, education, and advancement, and dedication to their communities; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan and the United States of America have been enriched by the contributions of AANHPI in all facets of life, including the arts, sciences, business, education, and philanthropy. Michigan has recognized the contributions AANHPI and other immigrants make to our economy with the establishment of the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission and Office of Global Michigan; and

Whereas, The culture and contributions of our Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island residents will continue to grow in significance as more AANHPI choose to make Michigan their home and as our economy becomes increasingly intertwined with the economies throughout Asia and the Pacific; and

Whereas, AANHPI, through advocating issues of justice and equity, continue to break down the barriers of discrimination,
indifference, and intolerance, thereby opening doors for all AANHPI
we must also recognize that throughout our history, AANHPI
communities have been the target of violence, disenfranchisement,
efforts to restrict immigration, and other xenophobic policies at
the federal, state, and local level. The echoes of this dark
history are evident today in the shameful increase in Anti-Asian
hate seen across the country. It is imperative that we confront
past and present racism and fight for the safety and inclusion of
our AANHPI friends and neighbors.

Whereas, AANHPI residents are proudly served in Michigan by
many dedicated organizations, including Asian Pacific American
Chamber of Commerce, Council of Asian Pacific Americans, Asian
American Citizens for Justice, Asian Center Southeast Michigan and
West Michigan, West Michigan Asian Pacific American Association,
APIA-Vote Michigan, Rising Voices, Sikh Coalition, Michigan Asian
Pacific American Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association of
Michigan, South Asian American Voices for Impact, MI-India
Foundation, India League of America-Michigan, Asian Indian Women’s
Association of Michigan, and many more; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan takes pride in its cultural
diversity and welcomes the opportunity to honor our AANHPI
residents for their lasting, expanding imprint upon our state; now,
therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
this legislative body declare May 2024 as Asian American, Native
Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the state of
Michigan. We encourage all citizens to celebrate the individual and
collective contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and
Pacific Islanders to this state and to this country.