

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

Reps. Puri, Skaggs, Xiong, McFall, Foreman, Brixie, MacDonell, Hoskins, McKinney, Wegela, B. Carter, Price, Steckloff, Rheingans, Fitzgerald, Koleszar, Young, Arbit, Breen, Byrnes, Dievendorf, Glanville, Longjohn, Morgan, Outman, Paiz, Rogers, Weiss, Witwer and Wooden offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2025 as Asian Pacific American
2 Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan is fortunate to be home to more
4 than 330,000 residents of Asian and Pacific Island descent; and

5 Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans comprise one of the fastest-
6 growing populations in both the state and the nation. In fact, this
7 group is the largest-growing population in Michigan according to
8 the last U.S. Census; and

9 Whereas, The Asian and Pacific Island regions are tremendously
10 diverse, with more than thirty countries, numerous languages, and

1 multiple belief systems; and

2 Whereas, Citizens of Asian and Pacific Island descent in each
3 generation, from the laborers who connected our coasts one and a
4 half centuries ago to the patriots who fought overseas while their
5 families were interned at home, to the entrepreneurs and engineers
6 who help our economy thrive, and our healthcare professionals who
7 serve to ensure public health. These patriotic Americans enhance
8 our culture, quality of life, and economic vitality through
9 leadership, commitments to knowledge, education, and advancement,
10 and dedication to their communities; and

11 Whereas, The state of Michigan and the United States of
12 America have been enriched by the contributions of Asian Pacific
13 Americans in all facets of life, including the arts, sciences,
14 business, education, and philanthropy. Michigan has recognized the
15 contributions Asian Pacific Americans make to our state with the
16 establishment of the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs
17 Commission; and

18 Whereas, The culture and contributions of our Asian and
19 Pacific Island residents will continue to grow in significance as
20 more Asian Pacific Americans choose to make Michigan their home and
21 as our economy becomes increasingly intertwined with the economies
22 throughout Asia; and

23 Whereas, Asian Pacific Americans, through advocating issues of
24 justice and equality, continue to break down the barriers of
25 discrimination, indifference, and intolerance, thereby opening
26 doors for all Asian Pacific Americans; and

27 Whereas, Asian Pacific American residents are proudly served
28 in Michigan by many dedicated organizations, including Asian
29 Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, Council of Asian Pacific

1 Americans, Asian Center Southeast Michigan and West Michigan, West
2 Michigan Asian Pacific American Association, Michigan Asian Pacific
3 American Bar Association, South Asian Bar Association of Michigan,
4 South Asian American Voices for Impact, MI-India Foundation, India
5 League of America-Michigan, Asian Indian Women's Association of
6 Michigan, and many more; and

7 Whereas, The state of Michigan takes pride in its cultural
8 diversity and welcomes the opportunity to honor our Asian Pacific
9 American residents for their lasting, expanding imprint upon our
10 state; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
12 this legislative body declare May 2025 as Asian Pacific American
13 Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens
14 to celebrate the individual and collective contributions of Asian
15 Pacific Americans to this state and to this country.