



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION  
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS: Asian/Pacific Americans are among those who have influenced our country for the better. Their achievements have greatly enriched our quality of life and helped to determine the future course of our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS: Chinese immigrants were productive and resourceful contributors to a multitude of industries and businesses. Laboring under very difficult conditions, they helped construct the western half of the first transcontinental railroad. Their hard work was invaluable in linking together the East and West coasts, thus vastly expanding economic growth and development across the country; and

WHEREAS: Over time, other immigrants journeyed to America from East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Asian Subcontinent. Today, Georgia has the second fastest growing Asian American population in the United States; and

WHEREAS: During the observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages and unique experiences represented among the more than 30 ethnic groups from Asia and the Pacific found here in the United States. We also recognize millions of Asian/Pacific Americans whose hard work and love of family and community have helped unite us as a people and sustain us as a nation; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF