



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS: Throughout our history, Asian-Pacific Americans have made great contributions to our collective heritage and have enriched the quality of life here in Georgia. Our state is fortunate to be home to more than 300,000 residents of Asian-Pacific American heritage. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this community is one of the fastest growing and most diverse populations in the country, composed of over 45 distinct ethnicities and over 28 language groups; and

WHEREAS: Asian-Pacific Americans have impacted all facets of life in Georgia, including arts and culture, heritage preservation, the sciences, government affairs, business, education, and philanthropy. This community makes up more than 1.5 million people across the southeast region; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is home to many Asian American educators, small business owners, and government administrators; and

WHEREAS: During the observance of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Day, we celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages, and unique experiences represented among 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 sustain us as a nation; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2016 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF