

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.102

Reps. Kuppa, Aiyash, Bezotte, Breen, Brixie, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Hood, Hope, Cynthia Johnson, Koleszar, Morse, Rogers, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, Thanedar, Whitsett, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare May 2021 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 have served to ensure public health during the pandemic, these  
8 patriotic Americans have enhanced our culture, quality of life, and  
9 economic vitality through leadership, commitments to knowledge,  
10 education, and advancement, and dedication to their communities;  
11 and

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

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

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

28       Whereas, Asian Pacific American residents are proudly served  
29 in Michigan by many dedicated organizations, including Asian

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

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

13       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
14 this legislative body declare May 2021 as Asian Pacific American  
15 Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens  
16 to celebrate the individual and collective contributions of Asian  
17 Pacific Americans to this state and to this country.