

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

Rep. Kuppa 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
11 multiple belief systems; and

12 Whereas, Citizens of Asian and Pacific Island descent in each
13 generation, from the laborers who connected our coasts one and a

1 half centuries ago to the patriots who fought overseas while their
2 families were interned at home, to the entrepreneurs and engineers
3 who help our economy thrive, and our healthcare professionals who
4 have served to ensure public health during the pandemic, these
5 patriotic Americans have enhanced our culture, quality of life, and
6 economic vitality through leadership, commitments to knowledge,
7 education, and advancement, and dedication to their communities;
8 and

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

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

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

25 Whereas, Asian Pacific American residents are proudly served
26 in Michigan by many dedicated organizations, including Asian
27 Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, Council of Asian Pacific
28 Americans, Asian American Citizens for Justice, Asian Center
29 Southeast Michigan and West Michigan, West Michigan Asian Pacific

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

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

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