

STATE of MINNESOTA



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: May of each year has been declared nationally and statewide as *Asian Pacific Heritage Month*, a celebration dedicated to recognizing, understanding, and valuing Americans of Asian Pacific ancestry; and
- WHEREAS: More than 110,000 Minnesotans of Asian Pacific heritage have made this state their home, and have achieved a record of distinguished service from academia to government, business to the military, medicine to the arts, and immigrant and refugee services to community development; and
- WHEREAS: By working within the state's political, educational, social, and economic systems, Asian Pacific Minnesotans have influenced the governmental and policy making process, thus improving the quality of life for their community and the community at large; and
- WHEREAS: With their wide ranging skills, traditions of hard work, and respect for family and education, Asian Pacific Minnesotans have instilled this state with energy and vision; and
- WHEREAS: Asian Pacific Minnesotans have enriched our vibrant and diverse society by retaining traditions from their countries of origin, while at the same time adopting many cultural aspects of this state and nation;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 1998 to be

Asian Pacific Heritage Month

in Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this first day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirty-ninth.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

Jean A. Groue
SECRETARY OF STATE



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