

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, section 102 of title 36, United States Code, officially designates May as Asian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islanders have played important and essential roles throughout American and Vermont's history; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Vermont played an important role in smuggling Asian Americans across the border to safety into Canada following the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882; and

WHEREAS, Vermont celebrates its residents and visitors of Asian and Pacific Island heritage, and has welcomed a 54% increase in the AAPI Vermonter population as reflected in the 2020 United States Census; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive place where all residents and visitors are safe to live, work, and play; and

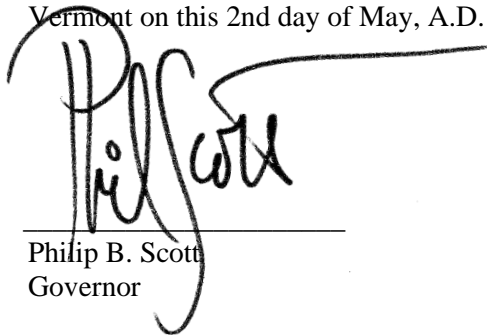
WHEREAS, in the month of May, Vermonters celebrate the accomplishments of our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and community members and condemn the bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes they have and may face.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2023 as

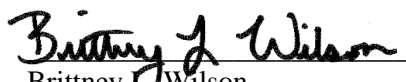
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of May, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs