

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** section 102 of title 36, United States Code, officially designates May as Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month; and

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

**WHEREAS,** May 18 is the birthday of Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American man who was brutally murdered in a hate crime in 1982. His murder has fueled an important national movement to raise awareness about anti-Asian violence; 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,** in April 2022, Vermont was honored to see the newest Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont sworn in, who is a person of Asian descent and the first woman of color to serve on the bench in Vermont; 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

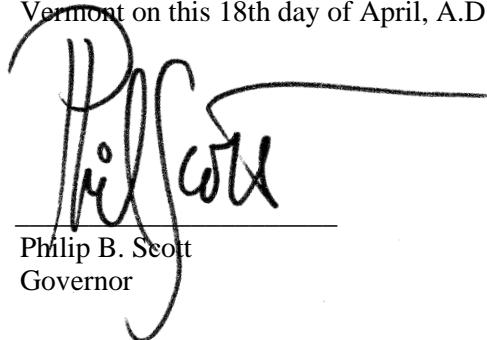
**WHEREAS,** in the month of May, Vermonters celebrate the accomplishments of our Asian and Pacific American neighbors and community members and condemn the bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes they have and may face.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2022 as


**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER  
HERITAGE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2022.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs