



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, during Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, we celebrate the accomplishments of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, and reflect on the many ways they have enriched our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is designated as a celebration of the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have impacted all facets of life, including arts and culture, heritage preservation, the sciences, government affairs, business, education, and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have helped to build, defend, and strengthen our nation; and

WHEREAS, during the observance of Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month, we celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages, and unique experiences represented among ethnic groups from Asia and the Pacific found here in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the thousands of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders whose hard work and love of family and community have helped sustain our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

*Asian American and Pacific Islander
Heritage Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twelfth day of May, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Mangitt

Secretary of State