THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
VINCENT C. GRAY, MAYOR

Proclamation

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 2012

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have contributed to the social and economic character of our city and nation; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia celebrates the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages, and unique experiences represented among the more than 30 ethnic groups from Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is home to over 26,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander residents who represent diverse cultural, religious, and political backgrounds, speaking dozens of different languages or dialects, and have interwoven their traditions and heritages into the ethnic fabric of our world-class city; and

WHEREAS, community members, organizations and government agencies will gather to celebrate and recognize the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders during this month:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim May 2012, as **"ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH"** in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in commending the District of Columbia's Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Vincent C. Gray