

Proclamation



ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 2013



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

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



WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is home to over 27,000 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 2013, 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