

Proclamation



ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 2020

WHEREAS, Washington, DC is proud to celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages, and unique experiences represented among the more than 30 ethnic groups in our city from Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, Washington, DC is home to approximately 35,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander residents who remind us that while we all have distinct backgrounds and origins, we are bound in common purpose by the shared hopes and dreams for ourselves and our city; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Washingtonians have helped shape the social and economic character of our city and nation, and exemplify resilience by being on the front lines to protect, serve, and persevere during this unprecedented global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the many contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders this month, we must not forget or allow their unnecessary suffering inflicted by discrimination and harassment based on misinformation; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, and despite the challenges we face right now, I stand with all Washingtonians to lift our Asian American and Pacific Islander residents as they continue enriching our great culture and storied diversity; and

WHEREAS, community members, organizations, and government agencies will join me in honoring and recognizing the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Washington, DC and around the country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 in Washington, DC as ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH and do commend this observance to all Washingtonians.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

