

Presidential recognition of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Wayne State University

WHEREAS the United States Congress has designated the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Wayne State University joins in this tribute and celebration by acknowledging the many accomplishments and contributions that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made in our society; and

WHEREAS a resolution was passed by the United States Congress proclaiming Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Oct. 23, 1992, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a proclamation declaring May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Michigan May 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS the objectives of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month are to create a greater awareness of the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to American culture, to illustrate the diversity of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and to encourage a greater curiosity within young people about the rich history and cultural heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS Asian and Pacific Islander influence is evident in American culture in, among other things, music, art, science, food, humanities, and business and trade; and

WHEREAS Wayne State University is proud to be an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution. Faculty, staff and students within the Asian American and Pacific Islander community have graced our campus with invaluable and intellectual achievements. In recognition of the numerous contributions made by Asian American and Pacific Islanders, we reaffirm our commitment to encourage and support them through equal educational and employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D., president of Wayne State University, hereby proclaim the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month at Wayne State University, and I encourage the entire campus to join proudly in this celebration.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kimberly Andrews Espy".

Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D.
President