

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2023

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community has contributed greatly to the history and culture of the United States, enriching the fabric of the nation through their art, music, literature, cuisine and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month was established in 1978 to honor the first Japanese immigrants who arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and to commemorate the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, which was largely built by Chinese immigrants; and

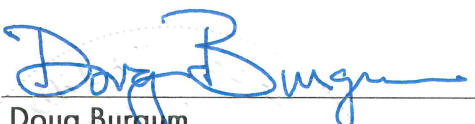
WHEREAS, May has been designated as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and


WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes and values the diversity and cultural richness of its AAPI communities, including Hmong, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese and other communities, which have made significant contributions to the state's economy, culture and social fabric and brought their unique perspectives and experiences to the state; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate and honor the history, culture and contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in North Dakota and across the nation and to celebrate the diversity and cultural richness of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2023, ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH in the
State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE