

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, Congress enacted a law in 1992 annually designating the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to celebrate the influence and contributions of those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin to the history, culture and achievements of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, some Centre County residents who hail originally from the many diverse countries on the Asian continent and the many Pacific Islands are recent immigrants, and others are first, second, third, fourth or fifth generation Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin are the largest racial minority group in Centre County, making up 6.5 percent of our population, and have enriched the ethnic and social fabric of Centre County with their diverse languages, cultures, and religious beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin contribute to and enrich our community with their creativity, enterprise and skill as professors, scientists, technologists, doctors, students, entrepreneurs, artists, workers, writers, investors, elected officials, philanthropists and more, building and supporting a vibrant and resilient economy in Centre County; and

**WHEREAS** those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin are our beloved friends and family, our cherished neighbors, and valued members of Centre County, where we remain committed to embracing and accepting all our residents from diverse backgrounds; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **May 2022** as “**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**” in Centre County, and encourage all Centre County residents to celebrate the history and culture of Asian Pacific Islanders and Asian Pacific Americans and their vital contributions to our County, our Commonwealth and our Country.

**ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.



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