Proclamation

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH May 2021

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 residents of the Borough of State College who hail originally

from the many diverse countries on the Asian continent and the many Pacific Islands are recent immigrants, and others are first,

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second, third, fourth or fifth generation Americans; and

WHEREAS, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin constitute approximately

11 percent of our population in the Borough of State College, and have enriched the ethnic and social fabric of our community, 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 the Borough of State College; and

WHEREAS, those of Asian and Pacific Islander origin are our beloved friends

and family, our cherished neighbors, and valued members of the Borough of State College, where we remain committed to embracing and accepting all our residents from diverse

backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ronald Filippelli, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** in the Borough of State College and encourage all residents to celebrate the history and culture of Asian Pacific Islanders and Asian Pacific Americans and their vital contributions to our

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the Borough of State College, this 3rd day of May 2021.

Mayor Ronald L. Filippelli

May 3, 2021