Asian American and Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander Heritage Month, 2021

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights proudly celebrates Asian American and Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander Month for 2021.

**White House:**

**Resources**

- **National Park Service:**
  https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/asian-american-pacific-islander-heritage-month.htm

- **Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center:**
  https://smithsonianapa.org/stand/

- **Culinasia: The Future of Asian Food in America:**
  https://www.si.edu/events/HeritageMonth?trumbaEmbed=view%3Dseries%26seriesid%3D1586552

- **Stop AAPI Hate.org:**
  https://stopaapihate.org

- **Minari**
  https://a24films.com/films
National Day Calendar

How to Observe:

During the month, attend celebrations and special exhibits taking place at museums, libraries, and universities across the country.

Get reading about Polynesian history and the Aloha State.

Watch a documentary about the transcontinental railroad. Learn about the working conditions for many Asian Americans.

Take a class in Japanese Washi papermaking.

Learn to make Pho.

Visit: https://nationaldaycalendar.com/asian-american-and-pacific-islander-heritage-month-may/

Joint Resolution

To designate May 1991 and May 1992 as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month".

This law requested that the President proclaim May 1991 and May 1992 as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Months.” This law also recognized the significance of May 7th and May 10th in the history of Asian/Pacific Americans. May 7, 1843 is the date on which the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States while on May 10, 1869 the first transcontinental railroad in the United States was completed with significant contributions from Chinese pioneers. In 1992, Congress passed Pub.L.102-450 which permanently designated May of each year as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.”

President Obama’s proclamation in 2009 expanded the observance to include Pacific Islanders.

Jimmy Carter

39th President of the United States: 1977 - 1981

The Ninety-fifth Congress has requested the President by House Joint Resolution 1007, approved October 5, 1978, to designate the seven-day period beginning on May 4, 1979, as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week."

Visit: https://www.loc.gov/law/hlp/commemorative-observations/asian.php