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2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44

May 12, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives Hong, Shankland, Allen, C. Anderson, J. Anderson, Andraca, Bare, Cabrera, Clancy, Conley, Considine, Emerson, Goyke, Jacobson, Joers, Kitchens, Madison, Moore Omokunde, Myers, Neubauer, Ohnstad, Ortiz-Velez, Palmeri, Ratcliff, Sinicki, Shelton, Snodgrass, Snyder, Stubbs, Subeck, Tusler, Vining and Wichgers, cosponsored by Senators Agard, Carpenter, Hesselbein, James, L. Johnson, Larson, Roys, Smith and Spreitzer. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
(AANHPI) Heritage Month as a time to honor the important contributions of
Asians, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the
history of the United States.
Whereas, the people of Wisconsin join together each May to pay tribute to the
generations of AANHPI who have enriched the history of the United States; and
Whereas, the history of AANHPI in Wisconsin is inextricably tied to the story
of Wisconsin; and
Whereas, there are approximately 24 million U.S. residents who identify as
Asian and approximately 1.6 million U.S. residents who identify as Native Hawaiian
or other Pacific Islander, comprising about 7 percent of the total population; and
Whereas, Wisconsin's AANHPI population totaled 194,173 in 2020 and has
increased 82 percent since the 2000 Census; and

Whereas, the AANHPI community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

Whereas, the immigration of Hmong refugees from Laos to Wisconsin from 1975 through the 1990s enriched the state immeasurably as Wisconsin has the third largest Hmong population in the U.S.; and

Whereas, the month of May was selected for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

Whereas, AANHPI Heritage Month provides the people of Wisconsin with an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements, contributions, and history of AANHPI communities and understand the challenges they face; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin State Legislature recognizes AANHPI Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asians, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the history of Wisconsin, and recognizes that Asian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities strengthen and enhance the rich diversity of Wisconsin.

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