

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina is proud to be home to approximately 94,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander residents who contribute greatly to shaping, advancing, and enriching our great state; and
- WHEREAS,** the members of South Carolina's Asian American and Pacific Islander communities speak languages as diverse as Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, Gujarati, and others; and
- WHEREAS,** Asian American and Pacific Islander men and women have made valuable contributions to all areas of the Palmetto State, including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, law enforcement, and the military; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the 2019 Annual Business Survey, data year 2018, there are more than 584,000 Asian-American and Pacific Islander-owned businesses in the United States contributing over 335 billion dollars to the national economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Asian American and Pacific Islander people in South Carolina are a treasured part of our communities and have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors, friends, and citizens across the state; and
- WHEREAS,** diversity represents one of our state's greatest strengths and, by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Asian American and Pacific Islander men and women, our great state celebrates the importance of inclusion to build a brighter future for all of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina is committed to providing comprehensive support to ensure that she is welcoming and open to all people wishing to call her home.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as**

### ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

and May 27, 2021, as

### ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER BUSINESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander individuals and business owners for their significant contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments and honor their unique heritage.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Henry McMaster', is written over a white background.

**HENRY McMASTER**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**