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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFLUENCE OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS ON THE HISTORY, CULTURE, AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly recognizes the importance of joining together in May to pay tribute
2 to the contributions of generations of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities who have enriched and
3 strengthened this state and nation; and

4 WHEREAS, the story of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is one that continues to shape and write the
5 history of this state and nation; and

6 WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community has time and time again demonstrated
7 commendable grit and resilience, from the Chinese laborers that built the first Transcontinental Railroad to the workers in
8 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields that continue to prepare this state and nation for tomorrow; and

9 WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities continue to make pivotal strides in business,
10 education, the arts, entertainment, and government, such as public servants like our own Dr. Shien Biau Woo and Shailen
11 Bhatt who served as Delaware Lieutenant Governor from 1985 to 1989, and Delaware Secretary of Transportation from
12 2011 to 2014, respectively; and

13 WHEREAS, an estimated 43,000 people of Asian American and Pacific Islander descent are living in Delaware,
14 representing a diverse array of backgrounds, faiths, and occupations; and

15 WHEREAS, by 2060, Delaware is predicted to be one of the most diverse states in the nation, set to become a
16 majority-minority state; and

17 WHEREAS, Asian Americans are the highest-income, best-educated, and fastest-growing racial group in the
18 United States, placing heavy emphasis on the values of parenthood, family, and work ethic; and

19 WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders will continue to weave the fabrics of this state and nation and
20 sculpt all facets of our society, culture, and daily life; and

21 WHEREAS, Delaware has been historically enriched by the deep roots of Indian, Chinese, and Filipino residents
22 in this state, apparent in the vibrant Hindu temples and Sikh centers, North Star’s Indo-American Community Center,
23 Hockessin’s Chinese American Community Center, and Delaware Chinese American Association, and a Filipino cultural
24 school for those from the Philippines; and

25 WHEREAS, we must also recognize the discrimination, prejudice, and outright violence that Asian American and
26 Pacific Islander communities face; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout American history, Asian American and Pacific Islanders have been the target of
28 xenophobic policies at the federal, state, and local levels, including needless violence, eviction, disenfranchisement, and
29 attempts to restrict immigration; and

30 WHEREAS, the shameful increase in Anti-Asian hate across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic has
31 been perpetuated by the spread of misinformation and harmful rhetoric; and

32 WHEREAS, it is imperative we confront past and present racism and dedicate ourselves to uplift our Asian
33 American and Pacific Islander friends and neighbors; and

34 WHEREAS, this General Assembly commits itself as an ally for the Delaware Asian American and Pacific
35 Islander communities, fighting against discrimination, racism, and violence; and

36 WHEREAS, this General Assembly encourages all Delawareans to learn more about the vibrant history and
37 culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

38 NOW, THEREFORE:

39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
40 Senate concurring therein, that the celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander month as a month recognizing the
41 contributions and influence of Asian American and Pacific Islanders and Asian American and Pacific Islander residents of
42 this State who daily contribute to the prosperity of this State and Nation be recognized.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 152nd General Assembly encourages all Delawareans to join the General
44 Assembly in celebrating the collective strength, cultures, and resilience of Asian American and Pacific Islanders and
45 learning about their culture and heritage.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly commits itself to the fight for the inclusion, safety, and
47 prosperity of our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes Asian American and Pacific Islander Month and celebrates the contributions, culture, and resilience of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the State of Delaware and the United States.