Legislation Text

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Resolution Proclaiming May 2025 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Philadelphia.

Whereas, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have shaped the social, political, economic, and cultural fabric of this nation and this City; and

Whereas, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month has its roots in a weeklong celebration that began in the first week of May 1979, which was eventually expanded to a month in 1990, and permanently designated by Congress in 1992; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby, proclaims May 2025 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Philadelphia, urging all Philadelphians to join in recognizing the significant contributions of the AAPI community and to participate in events that celebrate their heritage and culture.

Further Resolved, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented to Thu Pham, Vietnamese American Women CEO & Co-Founder of Caphe Roasters, as evidence of admiration and respect of this body. A portion of Caphe Roasters's profits is donated to "12plus", a nonprofit that supports high schools in Philadelphia.

Further Resolved, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented to Ky Cao and Rick Cao, Chinese American owners of local apparel store P's and Qs, as evidence of admiration and respect of this body. Together, they created a "Fight The Virus Not The People" shirt project.

Further Resolved, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented to Sergeant Blessen Matthew, First South Asian Indian Sergeant in Philadelphia Police Department, as evidence of admiration and respect of this body. He hopes his work will inspire others to chase their own dreams.

Further Resolved, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented to Nary Kith and Saroeun Kith-Jones, Founders of Kiths, as evidence of admiration and respect of this body. Kiths provides critical services and support for immigrant and refugees in Philadelphia.

Further Resolved, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented to Pheng Seng, Owner of screen-printing shop Unrivaled, as evidence of admiration and respect of this body. Unrivaled in South Philadelphia is the first Cambodian American-owned unionized shop in the city.

Further Resolved, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented to Danny Ros and Bejamin Albano, Co-Founders of Philly Southeast Asian Entertainment Group. Native of South Philadelphia, they are pioneers in bringing Southeast Asian concerts to life in the City.

Further Resolved, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented to Chef Phila Lorn, Chief Owner of Mawn Restaurant, as evidence of admiration and respect of this body. Chef Phila Lorn is the 2025 James Beard Emerging Chef nominee.

Further Resolved, That an Engrossed Copy of this resolution be presented Naroen Chhin, community organizer and entrepreneur, as evidence of admiration and respect of this body. He has driven transformative changes and advanced criminal and immigration justice, including contributing to Philadelphia's Sanctuary City designation.