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NEWSLETTER

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ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution establishing the annual celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Week. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush penned the executive order extending the weeklong event into a monthlong celebration. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. Most of the workers who laid the tracks of the transcontinental railroad were Chinese immigrants.

<https://asianpacificheritage.gov/about/>



INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Violence Language: Terms/expressions like "killing it", "take a shot at", "take your best shot", "pull the trigger" or "take a stab at" can be avoided. These expressions needlessly use imagery of hurting someone or something. Use alternative terms like "great job", "awesome", "give it a go" or "give it a try".

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Jewish American Heritage Month is an annual recognition and celebration of American Jewish citizens' achievements and contributions to the United States of America during the month of May.

President George W. Bush first proclaimed the month on April 20, 2006, as a result of cooperation with Sen. Arlen Specter, as well as the Jewish Museum of Florida and the South Florida Jewish Community. Since then, annual proclamations have been made by all subsequent Presidents.

In 2020 the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia repositioned Jewish American Heritage Month to empower communities across the country to celebrate the inspiring history of Jewish people in America; educate diverse public audiences about Jewish culture; and spark crucial conversations about the American Jewish present and future.



Cultural Competence

The ability to understand, appreciate and interact with people from cultures or belief systems different from one's own.

Questions/Comments/Suggestions for the DEI Committee ?

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