

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Asian Americans are Americans of Asian descent who originate from Asian countries with their unique cultural heritage and immigration history; and

Whereas, The earliest known arrival of Asian American in the territories that would become the United States is Filipinos who have arrived in Morro Bay, California in 1587, initiating the first chapter of Asian Americans immigration to America; and

Whereas, The year of 2017 marks an important milestone in the history of Asian Americans, celebrating the 430th anniversary of Asian Americans in United States; and

Whereas, Asian Americans have settled and thrived in the United States through strong family ties, community support, and hard work. Asian Americans are becoming the highest-income, best-educated and fast-growing minority group in our nation and their stories and experiences are deeply interwoven into our history and character; and

Whereas, The influence of Asian Americans are witnessed in every aspect of American life, including entrepreneurship, scientific research, medical services, performing arts, and education; and

Whereas, Asian Americans have made significant contributions to our nation's economy, culture, education, and military strength; and

Whereas, The Asian American Association of Boston organizes the annual Asian American Day celebration on the second Saturday in September of each year, bringing together hundreds of volunteers, performers, vendors, and organizations, and millions of visitors,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 9th, 2017, to be,

ASIAN AMERICAN DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this Ninth Day of September, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts