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## Asian Heritage Month Special Issue



**WELCOMING HERITAGE MONTH.** During the month of May, we celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander heritage. The idea of celebrating the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States began in mid-1977, when a resolution first appeared in the House of Representatives to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage week. Soon after, a similar bill was introduced in the senate. Both passed on October 5, 1978 and U.S. President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. In 1990, the observance was extended from a week to a month. This year's heritage month special section begins on page 10. (Illustration by Jonathan Hill)



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