

# Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

## Significant Dates in History:

*May 1843*

Immigration of the first Japanese to the United States.

*May 1869*

Chinese laborers mark the completion of the first transcontinental railroad that connected the eastern U.S. rail network with the Pacific coast.

*January 1965*

Patsy Takemoto Mink is the first Asian American woman elected to Congress. Seven years later she became the first Asian American woman to run for nomination for president of the United States. She helped pass Title IX, legislation that expanded educational opportunities for women to help them join the workforce.

*June 1977*

U.S. Representatives Frank Horton, R-NY, and Norman Mineta, D-CA introduce a resolution to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week.

*October 1978*

President Jimmy Carter signs a joint resolution for Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. President George H.W. Bush extends the celebration to a full month during his time in office.

Throughout the month of May, we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and salute the achievements and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans at Newport News Shipbuilding and throughout our nation.

