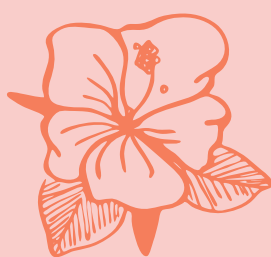


# Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May 2021



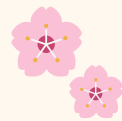
In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the first Congressional resolution celebrating Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from May 4th-11th. The observance was later extended to the entire month of May in the 1990s.

## Why Does #AAPIHM Happen in May?

The month of May marks two significant events in AAPI history:

On May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrant — a 14-year-old boy named Manjiro — arrived in America.

On May 10, 1869, the Transcontinental Railroad was completed. The railroad was completed by the labor of roughly 20,000 Chinese immigrants.



According to the Asian Pacific Institute, AAPI refers to "all people of Asian, Asian American or Pacific Islander ancestry, who trace their origins to the countries, states, jurisdictions and/or the diasporic communities of these geographic regions."

Learn more about who makes up the AAPI community here:

<https://www.api-gbv.org/resources/census-data-api-identities/>

Hate crimes against the Asian American community rose by 150% in the past year.

Learn about the history anti-Asian hate in the US.

Take bystander training to learn how to stand up for others.

Support organizations fighting AAPI hate and discrimination:

<https://www.housebeautiful.com/lifestyle/a35885105/stop-asian-hate-aapi-donate/>