



## GSO Senate Resolution 23.09

### **A Resolution to Recognize Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

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**Action(s):** Passed (26 Yes; 0 No; 3 Abstentions)

**Chair of the Senate:** Daniel J. Kimmel

**President Pro Tempore of the Senate:** Vito Iaia

**Parliamentarian:** Zafar Ali

**President of the Student Body:** Daniel J. Kimmel (Interim)

**Whereas**, during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month each May, the United States recognizes and celebrates the many contributions and vibrant cultures of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders; and,

**Whereas**, Syracuse University offers an interdisciplinary minor in Asian and Asian American Studies that was formed under founding director Professor Prema Kurien as a result of student activism, and it examines the histories and cultures of Asia, contemporary Asia, and how American politics, capital, religion, culture and Asian American diasporas have shaped the United States and Asia. The program offers more than 30 courses on campus and abroad; and,

**Whereas**, under the leadership of Chancellor Kent Syverud, Syracuse University's commitment to diversity and inclusion is rooted in the belief that multiple points of view, life experiences, ethnicities, cultures, and belief systems are essential to academic excellence, and he created the Chancellor's Workgroup on Diversity and Inclusion to create a more diverse and inclusive climate at Syracuse; and,

**Whereas**, Syracuse is home to more than 10,300 people of AANHPI descent as of the 2020 Census and Syracuse University is proud to currently enroll more than 900 students of AANHPI descent; and,

**Whereas**, Syracuse University's Office of Multicultural Affairs AAPI Heritage Month Committee is hosting various events on campus starting with a kick-off on Friday, March 31 at 4pm in the Schine Atrium; therefore, be it,

**Resolved**, that the GSO encourages all students and the Syracuse community to commemorate AANHPI Heritage Month through appropriate ceremonies and activities; and be it,

**Resolved**, that the GSO supports Syracuse University's commemorative expressions and programs for AANHPI Heritage Month; and be it,

**Resolved**, that the GSO includes in its calendar and share on its social media accounts the event information of the Syracuse University's Office of Multicultural Affairs' 2023 AAPI Heritage Month Committee; and be it,

**Resolved**, that copies of this resolution be distributed by the GSO Interim President to: the Chancellor, the Provost, the Board of Trustees, the Dean of the Graduate School and the Dean of Students, the University Senate, the Undergraduate Student Association, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and other interested entities.