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Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to send greetings to everyone attending the 7th Annual Asian-American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration. I am grateful to cultural organizations such as the Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board for their dedication to spreading cultural awareness and for sharing their heritage and traditions with us today. It is my honor to commend this organization on their work in establishing cross-cultural unity in Suffolk County.

Since 2005, the Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board has served as a vital link between the diverse Asian and Pacific cultures, the community, and the various levels of government. I applaud the Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board for organizing this celebration, and I hope that all Long Islanders will partake in the wide array of activities, ceremonies, and traditions that will be part of today's celebration. The atmosphere of camaraderie, collaboration, and community that such an event fosters is a vital part of the bridge between cultures, and provides insight into the many cultures that are vital to the diversity of Suffolk County and Long Island.

I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work that the Suffolk County Asian-American Advisory Board has done for Long Island, and I wish you continued success in fostering communication and civic engagement in the community. Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand".

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United States Senator