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Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather for Seventh Annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of the Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board and the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community on this wonderful occasion.

Founded in 2005, the Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board has served as a bridge between County government and the Asian-American communities. The Board has been committed to addressing issues that impact the Asian-American communities on Long Island and improving communication and cultural understanding. I commend the Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board on its active role in encouraging conversation and civic engagement within the Asian-American communities.

Furthermore, I applaud The Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board for organizing this fantastic celebration of culture and achievement within the Long Island community. This occasion provides an opportunity not only to showcase and learn about the many diverse Asian-American and Pacific Island cultures, it creates an atmosphere of collaboration and community allowing all Long Islanders to observe and partake in traditional ceremonies and activities. The Asian-American communities are an integral part of the larger Long Island community and enrich the cultural diversity of Suffolk County and Long Island as a whole.

Again, congratulations on this wonderful occasion, and on behalf of all New Yorkers, I thank you for your hard work and commitment to the Asian-American and Long Island communities. I am confident that The Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board will continue to foster communication and civic engagement within the community. Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,



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