

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) is celebrated in May to commemorate the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the U.S. May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to America on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869. In 1992, the official designation of May as APAHM was signed into law. Since 2009, President Obama has issued proclamations designating May as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

2016 Presidential Proclamation: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/04/29/presidential-proclamation-asian-american-and-pacific-islander-heritage>

2016 Theme: Walk Together, Embrace Differences, Build Legacies



PROFILE: **Jenny R. Yang**, Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)



Ms. Yang was named Chair by President Barack Obama on September 1, 2014. Ms. Yang had served as Vice Chair of the EEOC since April 28, 2014.

As a member of the Commission and Vice Chair, Yang has led a comprehensive review of the agency's systemic program, which addresses issues of alleged discrimination that have broad impact on an industry, profession, company or geographic area. She also represents the agency on the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and on the White House Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force.

Ms. Yang received her B.A. from Cornell University in Government. She received her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she was a Note and Comment Editor of the Law Review and a Root-Tilden Public Interest Scholar.

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