

CIVIL RIGHTS RENAISSANCE

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In June 1977, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law. The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) is California's civil rights agency that enforces the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), Unruh Civil Rights Act, and Ralph Civil Rights Act. See www.dfeh.ca.gov.

DFEH Events This Month

- **May 3** - the Department of Fair Employment and Housing launches a new Mediation Division comprised of both attorney and non-attorney mediators. The purpose of the Division is to bring parties together to settle cases both pre- and post-accusation in a collaborative, productive, speedy, confidential and economical manner.
- **May 7** - Chief Deputy Director of Programs Annmarie Billotti makes plenary session panel presentation at the State Bar Labor & Employment Law Section Public Sector Conference, Radisson Hotel, Sacramento. http://calbar.ca.gov/state/calbar/calbar_generic.jsp?cid=10709&id=7141#public
- **May 20** - DFEH Director Phyllis Cheng will present a luncheon keynote address at the Morgan Lewis Technology Roundtable event for representatives from top technology companies, e.g., HP, Apple, Google, Sun, Oracle, Agilent, Yahoo, Cisco, and others.
- **May 26** - The DFEH will hold a public hearing on its Proposed Procedural Regulations from 10 am to 4 pm at the Monterey Room, Hiram Johnson State Building, 455 Golden Gate, San Francisco 94102. For further information, please see the DFEH Proposed Procedural Regulations at <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov/DFEH/ruleMaking/Default.aspx>

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