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Dear Flight Attendants,

Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month – a celebration of the contributions and heritage of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Asian American Pacific Islander (“AAPI”) is a very broad term, since there are approximately 60 different and distinct ethnicities within that categorization. Every year, this is an opportunity to listen and learn about the diversity within AAPI communities as well as how deep the connections are to all facets of American and world history.

Like most commemorative months, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In June 1977, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman 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 month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants, making many of their living descendants the 5th to 6th generation of Americans today. When the first immigrant laborers came to Hawai'i in the 1800s to work on the plantations, they each brought their own language, foods and cultural practices and combined with Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, Hawai'i became a melting pot.

In October 2009, President Barack Obama signed an executive order restoring the White House Initiative and President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to address issues concerning the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. President Bill Clinton established the executive order 10 years earlier. Part of President Obama's executive order read, “Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) across our country have helped build a strong and vibrant America. The AAPI communities represent many ethnicities and languages that span generations in America, and their shared achievements are an important part of the American experience.”

On April 30, 2021, President Biden proclaimed this month Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize the history and achievements of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders across the nation.

A Friendly Reminder – We Returned to the Original Bidding Timeline

Bidding for the month of June has begun, and we would like to remind everyone that we have returned to the original bidding timeline outlined in Section 10 of the Collective Bargaining

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Agreement (CBA). The bid packet for June 2021, published this past Monday, May 10 reflects the bidding timeline as follows:

10th- PBS Bidding Opens
13th- 1st Practice Bid Award
15th- 2nd Practice Bid Award
17th-PBS Bidding Closes

During the pandemic, the delayed bidding timeline was necessary when the state was completely shut down and the flight schedule was reduced, unstable, and subject to change day by day. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding during the months of the delayed bidding timeline.

As always please send any questions to the Questions Form link:

[TinyUrl.com/AFAQuestionForm](https://tinyurl.com/AFAQuestionForm)

In Unity,
Joni, Scott, Chasity, Jaci-Ann, Josh
and the entire AFA Leadership
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