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**Establishing the Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council**

1. **Ohio Has A Rich Tradition of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity.** Ohio prides itself on the diversity of its citizens and is committed to addressing the needs of ethnically diverse populations in the areas of health, education and economics and to facilitating dialogue on cultural issues among all Ohioans. This commitment is even more critical as the numbers of diverse citizens in the State continues to increase.
2. **Collaborative Efforts on Issues of Diversity Will Improve the Fabric of Ohio's Communities.** The best communities are those in which every citizen is respected and the members of those communities have a forum for dealing with specific concerns and developing strategies to assist them in becoming more connected to all of the resources that the State has to offer.
3. **Establishing the Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council.** In order to realize the benefits of connecting Ohio's diverse populations to the State's resources, I direct the Director of Ohio's Office of Global Relations to establish the Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council to address issues specific to this segment of our citizenry. I further direct the Director of Ohio's Office of Global Relations to formulate a plan of action that sets clear goals for the Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council and a timeline for accomplishing those goals.

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