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## FAPA-Led Campaign Marks First Congressional Taiwanese American Heritage Week Resolution Since 2010 and Record 27 Statewide Proclamations

The Formosan Association for Public Affairs' (FAPA) 2026 Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) celebration achieved a historic milestone: the first Congressional resolution recognizing TAHW since 2010. FAPA's grassroots community also worked with more than 100 bipartisan elected officials nationwide to proclaim or recognize TAHW, including 27 state governors — the highest number in the campaign's 27-year history.

FAPA collaborated with U.S. Representative Ami Bera (D-CA), Co-Chair of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, to introduce a **bipartisan resolution to recognize May 10–16, 2026, as Taiwanese American Heritage Week (H.Res.1280)**. Introduced on May 13, the resolution was led by Rep. Bera alongside co-leads Representatives Michael McCaul (R-TX), Young Kim (R-CA), and Greg Stanton (D-AZ), with additional cosponsors including Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Representatives Ro Khanna (D-CA), Brad Sherman (D-CA), James Walkinshaw (D-VA), and Dave Min (D-CA).

**“I was honored to lead my colleagues in introducing a bipartisan resolution to formally recognize Taiwanese American Heritage Week,” said Representative Bera. “Taiwanese Americans play an integral role in strengthening the close and enduring partnership between the United States and Taiwan, and I am proud to celebrate the contributions of the more than 700,000 Taiwanese Americans who call our nation home.”**

FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao (林素梅) stated: “For too long, Taiwanese Americans have been made invisible – our identity under threat of being absorbed, our heritage overlooked. **The fight to be recognized as Taiwanese and Taiwanese American is real and personal for our community.**” Dr. Kao added, “This week is our answer to that. When **more than 100 elected officials and 27 Governors across the United States proclaim and recognize Taiwanese American Heritage Week**, it is significant. It means that at every level of government, from mayors to Members of Congress, leaders are willing to stand up and **say Taiwanese Americans’ stories deserve to be told.**”

Beyond Capitol Hill, FAPA also mobilized its 44 chapters to work with more than 100 bipartisan elected officials to proclaim or recognize TAHW, including a record 27 governors, underscoring the growing visibility of the Taiwanese American community across all levels of government. Governors of Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming issued TAHW proclamations.

First observed in 1999, TAHW is celebrated annually in May during the week after Mother’s Day to honor the history, culture, and contributions of Taiwanese Americans.

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## Appendix 1: TAHW Proclamations

### State Governors

1. Alabama – Governor Kay Ellen Ive
2. Arizona – Governor Katie Hobbs
3. Connecticut – Governor Ned Lamont
4. Delaware – Governor Matt Meyer
5. Georgia – Governor Brian Kemp
6. Idaho – Governor Brad Little
7. Illinois – Governor JB Pritzker
8. Illinois – Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton
9. Maryland – Governor Wes Moore
10. Massachusetts – Governor Maura T. Healey
11. Michigan – Governor Gretchen Whitmer
12. Mississippi – Governor Tate Reeves
13. Nevada – Governor Joe Lombardo
14. New Jersey – Governor Mikie Sherrill
15. North Dakota – Governor Kelly Armstrong
16. Ohio – Governor Mike DeWine
17. Oregon – Governor Tina Kotek
18. Oklahoma – Governor J. Kevin Stitt
19. Pennsylvania – Governor Josh Shapiro
20. Rhode Island – Governor Daniel J. McKee
21. South Carolina – Governor Henry McMaster
22. Tennessee – Governor Bill Lee
23. Texas – Governor Greg Abbott
24. Vermont – Governor Phil Scott
25. Washington – Governor Bob Ferguson
26. West Virginia – Governor Patrick James Morrisey
27. Wisconsin – Governor Tony Evers
28. Wyoming – Governor Mark Gordon

### County Executives

1. Georgia – Fulton Manager Dick Anderson
2. Georgia – Gwinnett Administrator Glenn Stephens
3. Maryland – Montgomery Executive Marc Elrich
4. New York – Dutchess Executive Sue Serino
5. New York – Onondaga Executive Ryan McMahon II
6. Virginia – Loudoun County Chair Phyllis J. Randall
7. Virginia – Prince William Chair Deshundra Jefferson

### State Elected Officials

1. Maryland State Senator Clarence Lam
2. Massachusetts House Speaker Ronald Mariano
3. Massachusetts State Representative Tram T. Nguyen
4. Massachusetts State Representative Tackey Chan
5. Massachusetts State Representative Tara Hong
6. Massachusetts State Representative Amy Mah Sangiolo
7. Massachusetts State Representative Erika Uyterhoeven
8. Massachusetts State Representative Donald H. Wong
9. Oregon State Senator Courtney Neron Misslin

10. Virginia State Representative Azlan Salim

11. Virginia State Senator Stella G. Pekarsky

### City Mayors

1. California – Berkeley Mayor Adena Ishii
2. California – Cupertino Mayor Kitty Moore
3. California – Fremont Mayor Raj Salwan
4. California – Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee
5. California – San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie
6. California – Santa Clara Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor
7. Florida – Gainesville Mayor Harvey L. Ward Jr.
8. Illinois – Westmont Village Mayor Steve Nero
9. Maryland – Baltimore Mayor Brandon M. Scott
10. Maryland – Rockville Mayor Monique Ashton
11. Massachusetts – Brookline Select Board Chair Bernard Greene
12. Massachusetts – Cambridge Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui
13. Massachusetts – Malden Mayor Gary Christenson
14. Massachusetts – Newton Mayor Marc C. Laredo
15. Massachusetts – Revere Mayor Patrick M. Keefe Jr.
16. Massachusetts – Somerville Mayor Jake Wilson
17. Michigan – Ann Arbor Mayor Christopher Taylor
18. Nebraska – Omaha Mayor John W. Ewing Jr.
19. New Jersey – Franklin Mayor Phillip Kramer
20. New Jersey – Livingston Mayor Shawn Klein
21. New York – New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani
22. New York – Syracuse Mayor Sharon F. Owens
23. North Carolina – Durham Mayor Leonardo Williams
24. North Carolina – Winston-Salem Mayor J. Allen Joines
25. Ohio – Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval
26. Ohio – Cleveland Mayor Justin M. Bibb
27. Ohio – Dublin Mayor Chris Amorose Groomes
28. Ohio – Gahanna Mayor Laurie Jadwin and City Council
29. Ohio – Powell Mayor Heather Karr
30. Ohio – Westerville Mayor David Grimes
31. Oregon – Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty
32. Oregon – Portland Mayor Keith Wilson
33. Oregon – Tigard Mayor Yi-Kang Hu
34. Rhode Island – Providence Mayor Brett P. Smiley
35. Texas – Austin Mayor Kirk Watson
36. Virginia – Fairfax Mayor Catherine S. Read
37. Virginia – Herndon Town Mayor Keven J. LeBlanc, Jr.
38. Washington – Bellevue Mayor Mo Malakoutian
39. Washington – Camas Mayor Steve Hogan
40. Washington – Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson
41. Washington – Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle



## Appendix 2: TAHW Letters from Members of the U.S. Congress

### U.S. Senate

1. U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA)
2. U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)
3. U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
4. U.S. Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)
5. U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
6. U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)
7. U.S. Senator Andy Kim (D-NJ)
8. U.S. Senator Ted Budd (R-NC)
9. U.S. Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)
10. U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY)
11. U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
12. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)
13. U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)
14. U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

### U.S. House of Representatives

15. U.S. Representative Judy Chu (D-CA)
16. U.S. Representative Lou Correa (D-CA)
17. U.S. Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA)
18. U.S. Representative Young Kim (R-CA)
19. U.S. Representative Sam Liccardo (D-CA)
20. U.S. Representative Ted Lieu (D-CA)
21. U.S. Representative Dave Min (D-CA)
22. U.S. Representative Lateefah Simon (D-CA)
23. U.S. Representative Derek Tran (D-CA)
24. U.S. Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)
25. U.S. Representative Jake Auchincloss (D-MA)
26. U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD)
27. U.S. Representative April Delaney (D-MD)
28. U.S. Representative Valerie Foushee (D-NC)
29. U.S. Representative Deborah Ross (D-NC)
30. U.S. Representative Herb Conaway Jr. (D-NJ)
31. U.S. Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)
32. U.S. Representative Pat Ryan (D-NY)
33. U.S. Representative Greg Landsman (D-OH)
34. U.S. Representative Andrea Salinas (D-OR)
35. U.S. Representative James Walkinshaw (D-VA)
36. U.S. Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA)