to constitute a quorum are not citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands as
defined in (1) above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day
of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of
the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and
fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4727 of February 27, 1980

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

America's strength is in the heart of its people and the richness of its cul­
tural diversity.

Those who have come from Asian and Pacific countries have long added a
special quality to our American mosaic. In spite of adversity, in spite of
violence inflicted on their peoples and cultures, Asian and Pacific Ameri­
cans have shed sweat and blood in the struggle for America's nationhood
and in the quest for freedom and opportunity. Out of all proportion to their
numbers, Asian and Pacific Americans have contributed to our Nation's
progress in a wide range of fields—science, the arts, literature, agriculture,
industry and commerce. Bringing with them the strong and varied traditions
of their Asian and Pacific homelands—China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines,
the Pacific Islands, and Southeast Asia—they have greatly enriched our cul­
tural heritage and institutions.

As we welcome new groups of Asian and Pacific peoples to our shores, our
hearts are saddened by the suffering that has caused many of them to leave
their homelands, but we are proud to be able to offer them freedom and
hope and opportunity in America.

As we work together to help them make the difficult adjustments to a new
land and new lives, we are deeply aware of our debt to the generations of
Asian and Pacific Americans who have come before them. We are grateful
for their presence and glad for the opportunity to continue our tradition as
a land of immigrants, people who have come from every corner of the
earth, united by a common commitment to human rights and human liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of
America, declare the seven days beginning May 7, 1980, as Asian/Pacific
American Heritage Week. I call upon the people of the United States to ob­
serve this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sev­
enth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty,
and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred
and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER