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By Representative Ryu

1 On page 1, line 6, after "(1)" strike "January" and insert "The  
2 legislature intends to designate a time of year to formally remember  
3 and recognize the contributions of Americans of Chinese descent and  
4 finds that May of each year is a relevant and appropriate time to do  
5 so. This would provide an opportunity to celebrate significant  
6 accomplishments in American history such as the completion of the  
7 transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, which was largely built  
8 with the labor of Chinese Americans. It also allows for a time to  
9 acknowledge people like Jeanie Jew, who, as president of the  
10 organization of Chinese American women, first proposed the  
11 establishment of a national Asian/Pacific American heritage month.  
12 Jeanie Jew's dream was later realized in 1992 when a federal law was  
13 enacted that designated May of each year as Asian/Pacific American  
14 heritage month. Since then, subsequent United States presidents have  
15 annually issued proclamations designating May as Asian American and  
16 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander heritage month.

17 (2) May"

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19 On page 1, line 7, after "month." strike "Each January is  
20 designated" and insert "As the nation celebrates the national Asian  
21 American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander heritage month in May,  
22 Washington designates each May"

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24 On page 1, at the beginning of line 11, strike "(2)" and insert  
"(3)"

**EFFECT:** Changes the month designated as Americans of Chinese descent history month from January to May of each year.

Adds provisions stating legislative intent and findings.

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