



# Sign on and make history with us!

Take a stand against HIV discrimination and stigma in Asian and Pacific Islander (A&PI) communities.

## I believe...

- 1 All A&PIs deserve access to quality HIV care, testing, treatment and prevention in their native languages, regardless of their immigration or economic status.
- 2 A&PIs who are living with HIV/AIDS and A&PI lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders should be treated with dignity.
- 3 Discussion of sexual health, reproductive health, and safer sex should be open, accurate and support informed decision-making—especially among young people, who make up half of all new HIV infections in the U.S.
- 4 Health and HIV data on A&PIs should be reported by ethnicity in order to deepen our understanding of the HIV epidemic and to strengthen the ability of health providers to meet community needs.
- 5 The U.S. Government has a responsibility to fulfill and increase its commitment to fight HIV/AIDS in the U.S. and the growing pandemic in the Asia Pacific Region.

Signed,

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Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.  Dr.  Rev.  Hon.

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E-Mail (optional). Your address will enable us to stay in touch with you and will remain confidential.

When you sign the pledge, we will post your name, city/state, and profession on our website and in our campaign materials. No other information will be made public.

The Banyan Tree Project was launched on May 19, 2005, with the First Annual National A&PI HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, to promote acceptance and fight HIV-related discrimination and stigma in A&PI communities across the US. Sponsored by San Francisco-based Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center and in collaboration with partner organizations in Boston, Chicago, Honolulu, Los Angeles and Washington DC, the Banyan Tree Project is collecting pledges to demonstrate a national, multi-racial community lending their names in support of healthy A&PI communities. Visit [www.banyantreeproject.org](http://www.banyantreeproject.org) to view the list of thousands of signatories and to find out how to get involved. *Thank you for your support and for making history with us!*

## Please return this pledge by fax or mail to:

The Banyan Tree Project

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