



# Proclamation

By The County Executive

## *Recognizing Association of Indians in America*

*Whereas, Mercer County recognizes the month of May as Asian-American History Month and celebrates the accomplishments and contributions of Mercer County residents of Asian heritage with a ceremony on May 19, 2009; and*

*Whereas, among those honored is the Association of Indians in America, the oldest national association of Asian Indians in the United States that has advocated on behalf of the more than two million Asian Indians in America for more than 30 years; and*

*Whereas, Association of Indians in America is truly a grassroots organization, and has galvanized for decades to bring immigrants of Asian descent into the fold of American culture and politics in order to seek equal rights and recognition as an ethnicity; and*

*Whereas, Association of Indians in America is deserving of this honor because of its ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for Asian-Indian Americans through campaigning for reformed immigration laws, voter registration drives, and elimination of discrimination against immigrants; and*

*Whereas, in addition to these efforts, the Association of Indians in America also contributes significant time and resources to global causes like natural disaster relief, highlighting Asian-Indian issues with worldwide implications, and "Project India",*

*Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby congratulate Association of Indians in America on its receipt of this award, and thank the organization heartily for its outstanding service to the community, and for its positive contributions to cultural awareness in Mercer County.*



**Brian M. Hughes**  
County Executive