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**LESLIE KENNEDY CELEBRATES 8TH ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC
ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**



(Legislator Leslie Kennedy cutting the ribbon with Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci and Comptroller John Kennedy)

May 14, 2016 – Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) had the privilege of taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the 8th Annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month at their celebration last Saturday hosted at the Vajiradhammapadip Buddhist Temple. This month is a celebration of the culture and the heritage of those people from Asia and the Pacific who add to the great diversity of the United States in terms of culture, cuisine, and American achievements.

The Celebration included the Wellbrook Foundation Youth Orchestra which played the sounds of not only Asian heritage music but music from around the world ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century. The Orchestra was led by Mr. Peter Papiewski, the Music Director and Conductor of the Thai Cultural Center.

On the temple grounds there was also an Open Theater featuring seven different multi-cultural performances, including performances from Bangladesh, China, Korea, Nepal, Taiwan and Thailand. The performances included live music and dance that represents the culture of each country.



(Leslie Kennedy, with Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci, and Comptroller John Kennedy posing with women in traditional Nepal dress)

“I am proud to live in a nation so full of diversity and rich with many cultures, Asian and Pacific Americans have added so much to our nation’s culture, and that is evident right here in Suffolk County. I was honored to be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off this celebration” said Legislator Kennedy after the event.

For information on other community events feel free to contact Legislator Kennedy’s office directly at (631)-854-3735 or contact us on Facebook at facebook.com/legislatorlesliekenedy.

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