

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, America is strengthened by the rich cultural diversity of our people, and we are blessed to be a Nation that welcomes individuals of all races, religions, and cultural backgrounds.

WHEREAS, The values and traditions of the Asian/Pacific-American community – love of family, entrepreneurship, excellence in education, and community service – have strengthened us as a Nation. During Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we celebrate the contributions of these talented and hard-working citizens and recognize their rich legacy of ingenuity, perseverance, and achievement.

WHEREAS, Many Asian/Pacific immigrants came to America to discover the promise of our Nation and to realize their dreams. Their contributions were critical in establishing a robust economy. Asian/Pacific Americans also worked tirelessly to build our national railroad infrastructure, paving the way for our western expansion and growth as a world leader. Generations of Asian/Pacific Americans have proudly served our Nation with honor and courage in wars and conflicts. Today, as in the past, their dedication and service to advancing peace in a troubled world upholds the values that make our country strong.

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans are also helping to shape America's future. As entrepreneurs, artists, educators, public servants, scientists, and explorers, they challenge the minds of our next generation, expand commerce and innovation, probe the frontiers of space, and search for cures for the world's diseases. Our children are also inspired by the contributions and sacrifices of dedicated individuals.

WHEREAS, Since the earliest days of America, people from all cultures have traveled to our Nation seeking the promise of freedom, opportunity, and justice. As an integral part of our society, Americans of Asian and Pacific heritage share in the pursuit of this American Dream. We join with all Americans in celebrating this rich and diverse culture, and encourage every citizen to recognize the role of Asian/Pacific Americans in building and sustaining our Nation.

WHEREAS, To honor the achievements of Asian/Pacific Americans, the Congress by Public Law 102-450 as amended, has designated the month of May each year as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

WHEREAS, In the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, there are many students and staff members who are of the Asian/Pacific American heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District joins with all Americans in celebrating this rich and diverse culture, and encourages all members of our community to recognize the important role of Asians/Pacific-Americans in creating and building this great Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate lessons and units of study about the contributions of Asians/Pacific-Americans take place in our schools not only during this month, but throughout the school-year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County at a regular meeting held on this 2nd day of May 2019.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, President
Board of Education

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent
Santa Monica-Malibu
Unified School District