



RESOLUTION #24-25:28

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY  
ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN/  
PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, California has one of the largest Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) populations in the United States with more than half a million AANHPI in the San Gabriel Valley alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversity of AANHPI is broad and there is no singular AANHPI experience, but includes the experiences of Asian Indian, Bengali, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Thai, Vietnamese immigrants, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, AANHPI Heritage month originated in June 1977, when Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Mineta of California called upon President Jimmy Carter to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. In October 1978, President Carter expanded the observance as an annual celebration; and, 12 years later, President George H.W. Bush extended the week-long celebration to a month; and

**WHEREAS**, the official designation of May as AANHPI Heritage Month was signed into law in 1992. The month of May was chosen to observe AANHPI for several reasons, including to commemorate the first Japanese who came to the country in May of 1843, and to mark the May 1869 completion of the Transcontinental Railroad which involved the labor of many Chinese immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, AANHPI people continue to make the United States more vibrant through diversity of cultures, languages, and religions and by contributing to the arts, education, law, science and technology, sports, and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, highly accomplished AANHPI leaders hold elected positions at the local, state, and federal level;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Azusa Unified School District Board of Education, that May is designated Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the Azusa Unified School District, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña, Clerk of the Board of Education, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said Board of Education at a regularly called and conducted Board of Education meeting held on said date.

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Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña,  
Clerk of the Board of Education