

AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #23-24:28

**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; and

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Azusa Unified School District, this 23rd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

I, Sandra Benavides, Clerk of the Board of Education, do 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.

Sandra Benavides,
Clerk of the Board of Education