

## Proclamation

### Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month first began as a weeklong observance, known as Asian Heritage Week, in 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, this celebration was expanded to include the entire month of May in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, May commemorates both the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 (Golden Spike Day); and

**WHEREAS**, the diversity and experiences of the many ethnic groups are celebrated during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Adams 12 Five Star Schools serves 2,459 Asian American and Pacific Islander students; and

**WHEREAS**, 138 Adams 12 Five Star Schools' teachers, certified, classified and administrative staff are Asian American and Pacific Islander; and

**WHEREAS**, Adams 12 Five Star Schools is committed to celebrating and recognizing the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders across our country, state and in our schools.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education proclaims May as ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

**Adopted by the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education at its meeting on April 17, 2024.**