

San Mateo Union High School District
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation
May 1-31, 2023

WHEREAS, according to the US Census Bureau, Asians and Pacific Islanders make up the fastest growing racial group in the United States, numbering more than 10 million people, or nearly 4 percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, California is itself home to over 6,000,000 students of Asian and Pacific Islander descent, kindergarten through grade twelve; and

WHEREAS, these students and their families reflect the rich diversity of cultures and heritages of the many different countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands, and Californians have benefited greatly from their inclusion in our society; and

WHEREAS, despite hardships and barriers, the people of Asia and the Pacific Islands who came to this country and their descendants have made substantial contributions to California's economic growth and development, weaving clear and distinct threads into the state's social fabric; and

WHEREAS, the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, states that the history curriculum of the community, state, region, nation, and the world must reflect the experiences of men and women of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated annually at state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, Californians should remember our heritage and history and recognize that we must continue to celebrate the contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders as we also defend their rights for equal and fair treatment as Americans during a time when discrimination against people of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage continues and has indeed increased recently;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Trustees of San Mateo Union High School District that May is designated as Asian-Pacific Islander Month and that SMUHSD calls upon schools, staff, students, and families to observe May as Asian-Pacific Islander History Month by celebrating and recognizing the countless contributions made by Asians and Pacific Islanders throughout our history. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo Union High School District on the 20th day of April, 2023