



**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) HERITAGE MONTH
MAY 2024**

WHEREAS, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the United States, established by the United States Congress in 1992 to honor and recognize the contributions and achievements of our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities; and

WHEREAS, “Asian/Pacific” encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. The Asian American and Pacific Islander community includes people who are Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Thai, Vietnamese and others; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been part of the history of the United States for more than two hundred years, contributing to developments in our economy, culture, education, politics, arts, science and technology despite institutional and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were integral in the building of the transcontinental railroad, working in coal and gold mines, and farming, while subjected to unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, even in the darkness of the Exclusion Act and Japanese Internment, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders persevered, providing for their families and creating opportunities for their children; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale-River Hills School District recognizes that our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have historically experienced and continue to experience discrimination and racism that results in negative experiences and outcomes for students and families; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Association of School Board’s resolution 22-07 calls for an educational curriculum and professional training to teach the history, culture, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the economic, cultural, and social development of Wisconsin and the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Glendale-River Hills School District proudly recognizes May 2024 as **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**; and,