



**RESOLUTION #24-23  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS  
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the United States join together each May to pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States is inextricably tied to the story of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Bureau of the Census, the Asian American population grew faster than any other racial or ethnic group over the last decade, surging nearly 72 percent between 2000 and 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 22,000,000 residents of the United States who identify themselves as Asian and approximately 1,600,000 residents of the United States who identify themselves as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, making up nearly 7 percent of the total population of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May was selected for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, section 102 of title 36, United States Code, officially designates May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and requests the President to issue an annual proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

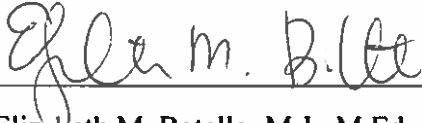
**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the United States at all levels of the Federal Government and the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS** celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides the people of the United States with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of, and to understand the challenges faced by, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that on the 17th day of April 2024 the Oxnard Union High School

District Board of Trustees recognizes the significance of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Oxnard Union High School District recognizes that Asian American and Pacific Islander communities enhance the rich diversity of and strengthen the United States.



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