

**San Mateo Union High School District
Proclamation Recognizing May 1-31, 2025
As Asian American And Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, according to the US Census Bureau, Asians and Pacific Islanders—a group that includes people from 75 countries—make up the fastest-growing racial group in the United States, numbering more than 10 million people, or nearly four 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 contributions to our society; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that members of the AAPI community continue to face xenophobia, scapegoating, negative stereotypes, and bigotry, and such stereotypes can depict AAPI people as a monolith ignoring the community's historical struggles and cultural diversity—as the term AAPI encompasses people from 75 different countries; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Union High School District is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment for all of the members of its community that is free from discrimination and harassment. The District denounces bullying, hazing, hate incidents or any behavior that infringes on the safety or well-being of students, employees, or any person within the District's jurisdiction without regard to intent as outlined in the District's: [Bulletin on Responding to and Reporting Bullying, Hazing, and Hate Incidents and Crimes](#); and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, the members of our SMUHSD community 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 due to prejudices stemming from the COVID-19 Pandemic;

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

WHEREAS, California and the Bay Area are home to many AAPI trailblazers, including Fred Korematsu, a Japanese American civil rights activist who fought against Japanese-American internment camps during World War II, Amy Tan, the Chinese-American author of the critically acclaimed novel *The Joy Luck Club*, and Haing Somnang Ngor, Cambodian-born American doctor and Academy Award-winning actor.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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.

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Passed and adopted on the 24th day of April, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Randall F. Belew", followed by a horizontal line.

Superintendent

Robert Griffin

President, Board of Trustees