



RESOLUTION #26-15

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, 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, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, the Asian American, Native Hawaiians, 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 55.5 percent between 2010 and 2020, and during that same time period, the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander population grew by 30.8 percent; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 24,000,000 residents of the United States who identify as Asian and approximately 1,600,000 residents of the United States who identify themselves as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, making up more than 7 percent of the total population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, 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, Senate Resolution 209 (2023) officially designates May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, 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, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides the people of the United States with an opportunity to



recognize the achievements, significant contributions, and history of, and to understand the challenges faced by, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on the 22nd day of April 2026 the Oxnard Union High School District Board of Trustees recognizes the significance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Oxnard Union High School District recognizes and honors the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and calls for greater awareness and understanding of the AANHPI community's contributions and rich diversity that strengthens the United States.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2026 by the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District.

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN:

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