

# MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 23/24-52

### Recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 2024

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, Congress introduced a House resolution to proclaim the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Week, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating this as an annual celebration, which we now know as Asian Pacific Heritage Week; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States, which was on May 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, in which the majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, Congress voted to expand Asian Pacific Heritage from a week to a month-long celebration and in May 1992, the month of May was permanently designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have found that the academic needs of Asian American and Pacific Islander students are frequently overlooked; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding Asian and Pacific Islander history is an important part of celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have endured and overcome hardship and heartache. In the earliest years, tens of thousands of Gold Rush pioneers, coal miners, transcontinental railroad builders, as well as farm and orchard laborers, were subject to unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination—yet they excelled; and

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

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge these Americans for their contributions to government, industry and commerce, agriculture, science, literature, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, California is one of the states with the largest Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders population; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the historical and cultural contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in the development of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversity of these groups include Asian Indian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Thai, Vietnamese, and others; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District that May 2024 is designated as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities to recognize the countless contributions that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made in helping our nation.

Passed and adopted by the Mountain View Los Altos Board of Trustees by the following vote on May 6, 2024:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Noes: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dr. Nellie Meyer  
Superintendent  
Mountain View Los Altos High School District