

MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Morgan Hill, California

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND
PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the month of May is set aside to honor the contributions Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have made to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides an opportunity to share the historical and current contributions of all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders encompass all of the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, and the Federated States of Micronesia), and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, and Easter Island); and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1978, the U.S. House and Senate and U.S. President Jimmy Carter passed a joint resolution declaring the first ten days in May of 1979 as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week,” and the U.S. Congress first expanded the observance to a month in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and also to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, since the majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, U.S. President George H. W. Bush stated in his President Proclamation, “With diligent effort and abiding faith in the American Dream, Asian and Pacific Americans have steadily advanced, earning ever greater respect and admiration from their fellow citizens”; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders make up 38.9 percent of the population in Santa Clara County and the Morgan Hill Unified School District enrolls 10.58 percent of its student population who identify as Asian and Pacific Islander; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan Hill Unified School District recognizes the month of May as National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and supports community engagement throughout Santa Clara County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morgan Hill Unified Board of Education proclaim May as **National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morgan Hill Unified School District and Superintendent proclaim May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT at a regular meeting held on May 3, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

DATED: _____

SIGNED: _____
Heather Orosco, Clerk
Board of Education

I, Dr. Carmen García, Secretary to the Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT at a regular meeting on May 3, 2022, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

DATED: _____

SIGNED: _____
Dr. Carmen García, Secretary
Board of Education