

RESOLUTION #21/22-29
IN SUPPORT OF
ASIAN AMERICAN and PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, on March 28, 1979, President Jimmy Carter deemed the week of May 4, 1979, as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a bill passed by Congress to extend the week-long celebration to a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific encompasses the people of the Asian continent, including Asian Indian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesia, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Thai, Vietnamese, 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, annually in May, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated to honor the accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) and their contributions to American history, society, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have experienced a history of racism and anti-Asian violence in America, and through strong leadership and sense of community, have gathered strength from their experiences and continue to contribute to our Nation with grace, courage, and unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, Conejo Valley Unified School District reaffirms our commitment to combating the racism and discrimination against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our schools, our community, and in our Nation; and encourages educators, students, and families to honor and respect Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and learn about their heritage and achievements through appropriate programs and activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes May 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



Rocky Capobianco, Clerk, Board of Education



Mark W. McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent
and Secretary to the Board