

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #09/10-53

ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the State of California is home to more than 600,000 students of Asian and Pacific Islander descent, kindergarten through grade twelve; and

WHEREAS, these students reflect the great diversity of culture and heritage of the many countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

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

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education recognizes in its Policy Statement on Multicultural Education that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in his or her own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and

WHEREAS, the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve* states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level; and

WHEREAS, *Asian Pacific Heritage Month* is celebrated annually at the local, state, and national levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District proclaims the month of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all schools within the district.

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