

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2122

**IN CELEBRATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER
HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, every month of May, the people of the United States are welcomed and encouraged to pay tribute to the generations of Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi Americans who have contributed to the advancement of the United States

WHEREAS, in May 1990, former President George Bush declared the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, and in May 1992, Governor Pete Wilson also proclaimed this month as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in California; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in honor of the first Japanese immigrants who arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad that was completed on May 10, 1869, a project delivered by Chinese immigrants and one of many major contributions; and

WHEREAS, the history of the United States encompasses the unique culture and rich legacy passed down from the ancestry of Asians and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, the Chabot-Las Positas College Board of Trustees recognizes the many contributions and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through multiple disciplines such as fine arts, food, literature, education, business, sports, government, science, technology, and other fields; and for their tenacity in pursuing the highest standards and ideals attainable; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have experienced adversity through forms of discrimination and prejudice throughout history such as the Chinese Exclusion Act, Japanese American Incarceration, and anti-Asian hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, since January 2020, there has been an increased use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to the 2019 coronavirus (COVID-19) and that has led to anti-Asian stigma and increased reports of hate crimes against individuals of Asian descent; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees passed Resolution No. 07-2021 on April 20, 2021, condemning the surge in hate crimes targeting Asian Americans and affirming Chabot-Las Positas CCD's commitment to the safety of Asian American communities; and

WHEREAS, reports of anti-Asian incidents have increased over the past year; and

WHEREAS, one out of every three Alameda County residents are Asian and Pacific Americans, representing the largest racial group in the County; and

WHEREAS, with 36% of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District residents of Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander ancestry, the district is an officially designated Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI); and

WHEREAS, over 40 percent of all Pacific Islanders in the County live in the District <https://acphd-web-media.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/media/data-reports/fact-sheets-presentations/docs/ac-pacisl-2018.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District encourages the illumination of the rich cultural heritage and ethnic diversity within the greater Tri-Valley and Central County areas as part of the District's commitment to cultural awareness programs; and

WHEREAS, over 70 percent of Americans believe that anti-Asian American racism should be addressed; and

WHEREAS, education has been identified as the preferred solution to fight anti-Asian racism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chabot-Las Positas Board of Trustees hereby declares May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the educational programs of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. The Board of Trustees will commit, as an educational institution will challenge all faculty, staff, and students to increase awareness of AA/PI history into curriculum, and policies in addition to promoting and joining in the appropriate celebrations and observances throughout the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, this 17th day of May 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I, Secretary of the Governing Board of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District of Alameda County, State of California, certify that the foregoing is full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held at a regular public place of meeting and the resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Date

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of
the Chabot-Las Positas Community
College District, County of Alameda,
State of California