

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION No: 2438-3**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is recognized as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month to honor the contributions of people who are of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States. In 1992, May was designated as AAPI Heritage Month by the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated in May to honor May 7, 1843, the anniversary of the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States. Additionally, it honors Chinese immigrants who played a critical role in completing the transcontinental railroad in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders, the largest racial/ethnic group in Santa Clara County, comprise [30%](#) of the youth population and [38%](#) of the overall population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has established a partnership with the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute and the California Association for Asian and Pacific American Islander Educator Organization. Its leaders participate in the Asian-American and Pacific Islander Educators Network Group, which supports Santa Clara County educators with tools and resources to cultivate inclusive, affirming, and equitable school environments for every Asian-American and Pacific Islander student, family, and staff member in Santa Clara County schools; and

**WHEREAS**, training socially conscious and effective civic leaders is a guiding practice of the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI), contributing to the surrounding community's well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the APALI was established to emphasize public service. Since its conception, it has encouraged Asian Pacific American civic participation, supporting members of the Silicon Valley community in connecting with community-based organizations to make an impact on local policy, housing, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, the AAPI Network created a toolkit for educators in grades K-12 using an asset-based approach to construct the content based on the rich local histories, experiences, wisdom, and knowledge held within the AAPI community across Santa Clara County. The [AAPI Educator Toolkit](#) incorporates information on Asian-American and Pacific Islander student data in Santa Clara County, student and community voices, the value of education to the AAPI community, resources for healthy identity development, and opportunities to understand the culture and the community students live in; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize the month of May as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 17, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, and Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

NOES: none

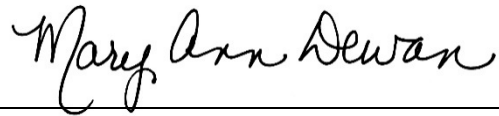
ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



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Maimona Afzal Berta, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools