



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PETALUMA CITY
ELEMENTARY AND PETALUMA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
("PETALUMA CITY SCHOOLS"), DECLARING MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the United States designates May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of generations of AAPI people to this country's history, society, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Month of May was selected as AAPI Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States in May 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed in May 1869 with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

WHEREAS, despite hardships and barriers, the people of Asia and the Pacific Islands who have come to this country, and their descendants, make substantial contributions to California's development in every way; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Education data, at least 3.3% of students in Petaluma City Schools, 1.6% of its classified staff and 2.4% of its certificated staff identify as AAPI, and they contribute to a cultural mosaic that is a strength of the school district and community; and

WHEREAS, core values in the governance of Petaluma City Schools include the beliefs that "all students reach high levels of achievement through rigorous and culturally relevant curriculum," and "diversity is an asset that strengthens and enriches our learning community"; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in their own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Petaluma City (Elementary) and Petaluma Joint Union High School Districts Board of Education does hereby recognize May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourage all Petaluma families, students, and staff to investigate and celebrate the contributions of AAPI people to the community of Petaluma, the State of California and the United States.


The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member Quinn who moved its adoption, seconded by Member Webster and adopted by the following vote:

CLOUD: Aye PAUN: Aye QUINN: Aye WEBSTER: Aye WILLIAMS: Aye



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WHEREUPON, the President declared the above resolution adopted and **SO ORDERED** this 12th of May 2026.



Mady Cloud, President, Board of Education

ATTEST:



Matthew Harris, Secretary