

Yolo County Board of Education and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools

Resolution #23-24/41 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2024

WHEREAS, The State of California is home to over 600,000 Asian and Pacific Islander students from kindergarten through grade twelve;

WHEREAS, The diversity of these groups includes Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Thai, Vietnamese, Samoan, Asian Indian, and others;

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the historical and cultural contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the development of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, May was designated as National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by the United States Congress in 1992; and

WHEREAS, May was chosen as the designated month of celebration to commemorate the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, where Chinese immigrants played a key role in laying track; and

WHEREAS, Many Asian Pacific Americans have experienced the injustices of exclusionary acts, denial of citizenship and land ownership, as well as internment in relocation camps; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge these Americans for their contributions to government, industry and commerce, agriculture, science, literature, and the arts; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yolo County Board of Education that May 2024 is recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and that all educational sites be encouraged to recognize the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through curriculum and activities at the school.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on April 9, 2024.

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Yip, Zendejas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Salud-Ambriz

Shelton Yip, President

Yolo County Board of Education

Garth Lewis, Superintendent Yolo County Office of Education