

RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF THE MONTH OF MAY AS NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2262-1

WHEREAS, the month of May will be recognized by the Santa Clara County Office of Education as National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This is a time to recognize and honor Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, May was designated as National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by the United States Congress in 1992. The month of May was chosen as the designated month of celebration to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, as well as the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, where Chinese immigrants played a key role in laying track; and

WHEREAS, per the data provided by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up 35 percent of the population in Santa Clara County; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has established a partnership with the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute. Its leaders participate in the Asian American Pacific Islander Educators Network Group is facilitated by County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, and Dr. Yee Wan, SCCOE Director of Multilingual Education Services; and,

WHEREAS, the SCCOE supports student diversity and narrowing of the opportunity gap. Its participation in the Asian American Pacific Islander Network Group encourages Asian American Pacific Islander educators to aim for leadership roles as it is a proven strategy that student outcomes are positively impacted when students see themselves reflected in leadership roles in our school and communities; and,

WHEREAS, the affiliation with the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute has supported initiatives of its graduates, including the "My Name, My Identity Initiative". This initiative asks the school community to foster a welcoming atmosphere by pronouncing students' names correctly, thereby honoring the individual student and creating a sense of belonging; and,

WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute has made many contributions to the community, and is a premier leader in the training socially-conscious and effective civic leaders; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education supports both civic learning and civic engagement activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute was established to emphasize public service, and since establishment encouraged Asian Pacific American civic participations, bridging members of the Silicon Valley community with community organizations to make an impact in local policy, housing, and education; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is an institute of learning that is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success; and

WHEREAS, the Santa County Office of Education is committed to honoring and celebrating the diversity of others as well as ensuring that we learn from the heritage and culture of others; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Education recognizes the month of May is National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

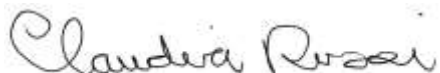
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on May 6, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President King, Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz and Song

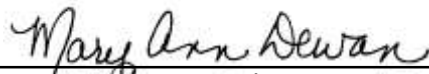
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Claudia Rossi
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Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan
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County Superintendent of Schools