

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNIZING ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC  
ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH  
RESOLUTION NO. 01-050224

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Education are honored to join communities across the country and recognize yesterday, May 1st, as the start of National Asian American Pacific Islander's Heritage Month (also referred to as AAPI Heritage Month); and

**WHEREAS**, Racism toward Asian American Pacific Islander people has existed since they began immigrating to the United States, including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the 1886 establishment by prominent Mountain View residents of an anti-Chinese social organization to expel Chinese residents from the city, the use of intimidation to stop the hiring of Chinese workers in Mountain View, and the 1887 arson that burned down San Jose's Chinatown; and

**WHEREAS**, The recent rise of violence against Asian Americans is part of a larger history of violence against communities of color; which means we must work together to create community-centered solutions that stop the violence in all communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Politically charged and culturally insensitive rhetoric further encourages racism, prejudice, and hate crimes against Asian American Pacific Islander people; and,

**WHEREAS**, The model minority myth continues to divide communities of color, feed into racism, and contributes to the false notion that the Asian American Pacific Islander community does not experience racial oppression or is impacted by white supremacy, which ignores the Asian American Pacific Islander community's experience with islamophobia, anti-Arab racism, and anti-South Asian violence; and,

**WHEREAS**, Approximately 27% of the Mountain View Whisman School District's students identify as Asian American Pacific Islander; and,

**WHEREAS**, We also pause to recognize and celebrate the naming of one of our own schools, Amy Imai Elementary School after an extraordinary community member who was born and raised in Mountain View, and during World War II was forced to relocate to the harsh landscape of Heart Mountain where she became one of the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were interned during WWII and who, when she returned to the area after the war, was instrumental in spreading the message of peace, anti-racism, and allyship to her community; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees adopts Resolution No.01-040224 to encourage the celebration of

National Asian American Pacific Islander Month in the schools of the district with culturally-responsive activities, and to value the roles and contributions of Asian American Pacific Islander people to the local and national economies, culture, and identity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS by the Mountain View Whisman Governing Board on May 2, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

I, Laura Blakely, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting thereof held at its regular place of meeting on the date shown above and by the vote above stated.

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Clerk of the Board of Education