



**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02  
VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASIAN AMERICAN  
PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, May is officially celebrated as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, coinciding with two important milestones in the United States: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in the nation on May 7, 1843, and the contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad completed May 10, 1869; and

**WHEREAS**, each May, Americans join together to pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States is inextricably tied to the story of our nation; 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**, more than 25.6 million people in the nation identify as Asian or Asian American and Pacific Islander descent, and Asian American and Pacific Islanders represent one of the fastest-growing racial groups in the nation, constituting about one-third of the one million legal immigrants who enter the United States annually; U.S. Asian population is projected to reach 46 million by 2060; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 14.5% of students in California community colleges identify as Asian American, Filipino and Pacific Islander; and

**WHEREAS**, 7.2% of the student body population at Moorpark College, Oxnard College, and Ventura College identify as Asian American and Pacific Islander; and

**WHEREAS**, despite more than a century and a half of remarkable contributions of economic, political, social, and cultural life to our region and the nation, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community continues to be targeted by racism, xenophobia, and hate at an unprecedented level; and

**WHEREAS**, there remains much to be done to ensure that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have access to resources and a voice in the civic life of our community and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ventura County Community College District supports President Joe Biden's Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees, and District, and college leadership will continue to encourage individuals to seek their own educational journey to inform and



eradicate the divide between different racial and ethnic groups; we call on education leaders across the country to continue to address the racial achievement gap in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Ventura County Community College District states that the District is a welcoming and inclusive equity-minded, anti-racist learning environment where diverse students are supported to pursue and attain student success; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2021, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees passed a resolution affirming its commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which cites the importance of diversity and how it enriches the educational experience, fosters mutual respect and teamwork, strengthens communities, and prepares students to become responsible citizens in an increasingly complex, global society and how our educational community must work together to gain a deeper understanding of the lived experiences of communities of color and create a more inclusive learning and working environment; and

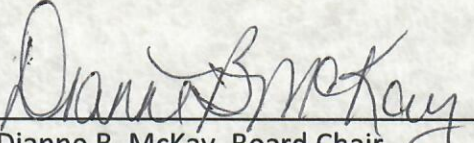
**WHEREAS**, the Ventura County Community College District encourages communities to dig deeper to understand and explore the needs, strengths, and vulnerabilities of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, including a call to action to amplify the voices and prominence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders within our own campuses; and

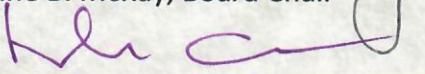
**WHEREAS**, the Ventura County Community College District will remember those lost to violence and will embrace Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month each May; the District will focus on recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as it applies to this country's history, culture, and individual achievement; the District will continue to look to its mission as a means to catalyze an ongoing dialogue on social issues as they pertain to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ventura County Community College District will continue to speak out against racism; it will embrace inclusivity and belonging, and focus on the issues as a way to turn back the surge of racist violence and hate crimes nationally; Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees, classified staff, and faculty will continue to support calls to action that support declarations that highlight the need for diversity, equity, inclusion, and awareness, while noting that national origin and skin color should not be a reason to engage in violence, but instead be an opportunity to learn about the unique communities that make up the United States; and

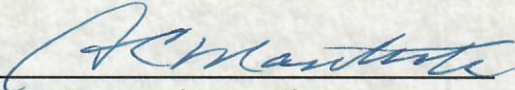
**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ventura County Community College District will advocate for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and people of different racial, ethnic, and national groups through the District's comprehensive program of educational opportunities that promote access, success, and equity.

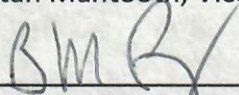
Adopted this 11th day of May 2022.


  
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