



RESOLUTION #2020-2021-026
PROCLAIMING THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage in the United States was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992;

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month seeks to honor and recognize the contributions of residents from Asia, India and the Pacific Islands;

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians, Chinese, and Japanese were the first to migrate to the Pacific Northwest and were known for handling canoes and transporting goods, construction, railroad expansion, and settling the region; and

WHEREAS, eleven percent (11%) of enrolled students are Asian or Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have courageously maintained vibrant cultures and traditions and made many contributions to history, industry, art and community; and

WHEREAS, the Reynolds School Board has established that each and every student is to be celebrated and appreciated for the distinct and vibrant contributions made by sharing cultures, language, ideas, beliefs and values within a school community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Reynolds School Board of Directors proclaims May 1-May 31, to celebrate ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH. The struggles and achievement of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders contributed profoundly to the culture and community of the United States. The Reynolds School District affirms the contributions and reaffirms its ongoing commitment to building awareness and an inclusive society.

The Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Adopted this 28th day of April 2021.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Valerie Tewksbury", written over a horizontal line.

Chair, Reynolds School District Board of Directors

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Hanna Gray", written over a horizontal line.

Superintendent of Schools/Clerk