

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 17
Upon the Occasion of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and
Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

WHEREAS, the people of the United States join together each May to pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the United States;

WHEREAS, the history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States is inextricably tied to the story of this nation;

WHEREAS, the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects;

WHEREAS, there are approximately 22,000,000 residents of the United States who identify as Asian and approximately 1,600,000 residents of the United States who identify as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, making up nearly 7 percent of the total population of the United States;

WHEREAS, the month of May was selected for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants;

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2022, President Biden issued a proclamation on Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, recognizing the history, achievements, and diversity of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, and the systemic barriers to economic justice, health equity, educational attainment, and personal safety experienced by many in the Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community;

WHEREAS, during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Santa Barbara City College recognizes the innumerable contributions, vibrant cultures, and rich heritage of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AA and NHPs). As some of the fastest-growing racial and ethnic groups in the Nation, AA and NHP communities represent a multitude of ethnicities, languages, and experiences that enrich America and strengthen our Union.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara Community College District hereby recognizes and wishes to join in with others across the United States to proclaim May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 1 to May 31 is recognized as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which is a time to honor the invaluable ways Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander contribute to our common goals, celebrate their diverse cultures, and to work toward a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara Community College District recognizes the value and diversity of students, staff, faculty, and administrators who are Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander at Santa Barbara City College.

PASSED AND ADOPTED , by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District this 19th day of May 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Abboud, Croninger, Everett, Gallardo, Haslund, and Miller

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Concur: Student Trustee Diallo



Kate Parker, President, Santa Barbara
Community College District Board of Trustees



Kindred Murillo, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent/President and
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees