Resolution No. 2020-23

FRANKLIN-MCKINLININY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Every May is recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month throughout the United States due to the enormous contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) throughout the history of this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Over 110,000 Japanese American citizens sacrificed their opportunity to chase the American Dream and contribute to society when they were locked up as second-class citizens living in internment camps in the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American migrant workers taught us the value of multicultural coalition building in the 1960s and 1970s, through their struggle for workers rights in lockstep with Chicano workers in Delano, California; and

WHEREAS, Since the fall of Saigon, we must honor the resilience of the Southeast Asian community, particularly the Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Laotian, Hmong, Mien, Rohingya, and Burmese communities, as they flee conflict and relocate their lives in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Indigenous People of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia are teaching us the cultural significance of preserving and promoting one’s values and language in the context of assimilation; and

WHEREAS, Korean immigrants have shown us how to overcome significant challenges as they have endured anti-immigrant policies throughout the course of American history; and

WHEREAS, South Asian Americans, particularly those that are Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh, fighting against discrimination today as they are targets of suspicion and violence; and
WHEREAS, This elected body is committed to educating the public about the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States, California, and San Jose, and supports the teaching of the Vietnamese language; and

WHEREAS, The State of California is home to over 600,000 Asian and Pacific Islander students from kindergarten through grade twelve; and

WHEREAS, The diversity of these groups include Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Thai, Vietnamese, Samoan, Asian Indian, including others; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the historical and cultural contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in the development of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Many Asian Pacific Americans have experienced the injustices of exclusionary acts, denial of citizenship and land ownership, as well as internment in relocation camps; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge these Americans for their contributions to government, industry and commerce, agriculture, science, literature, the arts; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Franklin-McKinley School District that May is designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and that all educational sites be encouraged to recognize the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans through our curriculum and activities at the school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to every school in the District.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Franklin-McKinley School District at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of April, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Maimona Afzal Berta, Vice President
Franklin-McKinley School District