

RESOLUTION

NO. 24-92

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2024

WHEREAS, Enriched by unparalleled diversity of its residents, Broward County Public Schools takes great pride in supporting and is strengthened by the many varied cultural traditions of its diverse population, including that of Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month provides students, staff and the community with an opportunity to recognize the significant achievements, contributions, and history of the Asian American population; and

WHEREAS, Students in Broward County Public Schools currently represent 208 countries and speak 181 languages. Asian/Pacific American students, staff and community are part of this growing diversity; and

WHEREAS, The diversity of these groups include but are not limited to; Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Thai, Vietnamese, Samoan, Asian Indian, and others; and

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

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific Americans have endured harassment, assault and discrimination during the Covid-19 crisis. Anti-Asian hate crimes in the United States rose an estimated 149% between 2019 and 2020. It is therefore appropriate to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriad of invaluable contributions of Asian Americans in Broward and across the country, in an effort to uplift their humanity and extend to them the respect and camaraderic every American deserves;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida encourages all educational sites to recognize the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans and hereby declares its support of

ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2024

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 8th day of August 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

Lori Alhadeff, Chair

ATTEST:

Dr. Peter B. Licata, Superintendent of Schools

The Resolution is compliant with State and Federal Laws.