

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

**Resolution No. 8
HONORING MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER,
AND DESI AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi American Heritage Month is celebrated throughout the United States during the month of May to recognize the contributions, heritage, and culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi American Heritage Month originated with Congress through a joint Congressional Resolution in 1978 to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, the majority of whose workers were Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi American community is an integral part of our national fabric, with millions contributing to the arts, sciences, education, government, military, commerce, and family life in America. Individuals of this descent began arriving in Santa Barbara as early as the 1860s and worked in industries as diverse as abalone fishing, farming, laundry enterprises and domestic service; and

WHEREAS, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi Americans created a community for themselves in Santa Barbara, the block of Canon Perdido Street between State Street and Anacapa Street served as the cultural and residential hub for this community. This area included rooming houses, several businesses, a school, place of worship and community meeting spaces. After the 1925 earthquake, several efforts were made to unify the look of the city's commercial district. Fortunately, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and key Asian and Pacific Islander community members have worked to restore these buildings and culture locally; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College prides itself on its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, recognizing the importance of acknowledging and celebrating the vast contributions of Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi Americans and all cultural groups to our community and society at large, and;

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the SBCC AAPI+ Staff and Faculty Group that includes co-founders, Jeanette Chian Brooks, Roxane Byrne, and Hong Lieu and Sally Chuah, Vandana Gavaskar, Elizabeth Giles, Jing Liu, Agatha Louie, Bruce Oda, Lynnae Onishi, Celine Park, Darleen Principe, Natsuki Smith, Cami Vignoe, and Zane Wann. The SBCC AAPI+ Staff and Faculty organized the Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi American Heritage Mural that was

dedicated at the SBCC Campus Center in October 2023. This mural and event highlight the local contributions, challenges, and triumphs of the vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for the community to understand and appreciate the histories, cultures, and contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans as part of our collective American history.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, hereby recognizes May as Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi American Heritage Month and encourages all faculty, staff, and students to celebrate this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history, contributions, and achievements of Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi Americans this May 2025.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 17th day of April, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

Aye: Trustees Abboud, Black-Maertz, Croninger, Gullap-Moore, Mooris, Richards, and Stoddard

No:

Abstain:

Absent:

Advisory: Student Trustee Tan



Jonathan Abboud, President
Board of Trustees



Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees