ESTABLISHMENT OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

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, and others;

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

WHEREAS, The History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve states that the study of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups throughout the curriculum at every level;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Elk Grove Unified School District that May 2014 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.