SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Leandro, California

RESOLUTION NO. 12-34
Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WHEREAS, this month, our Nation celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. As we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we recognize the entrepreneurship and fortitude of individuals who have helped build our country and shape the American dream for centuries; and

WHEREAS, despite the hardships and barriers they encountered, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made substantial historical and cultural contributions to the growth and development of California's government, industry and commerce, agriculture, science, literature and the arts; and

WHEREAS, although many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have achieved success, far too many still struggle to overcome obstacles of unemployment, poverty, and language barriers or face significant education, economic and health disparities; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continue to persevere and flourish to achieve success in every sector of American life; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, **"Breaking the Mold: Visibility Through Expression"** focuses on the various forms of expression that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders use to break stereotypes about racial and cultural identities. The advancement of media outlets and social platforms continues to serve as vehicles of change to represent their voice on contemporary Asian American and Pacific Islander topics. These forms of creativity introduced an era of self-production, self-realization, and self-fulfillment to give rise to an innovative Asian American and Pacific Islander identity; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that on this 1st day of May, 2012, the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Trustees proclaims the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; recognizing the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the Nation's history, encouraging the continued celebration of this month to provide an opportunity for all schools to learn more about the past and to better understand the Asian American and Pacific Islander's experiences that have shaped the Nation; and recognizing that ethnic and racial diversity of the United States enriches and strengthens the Nation; and

RESOLUTION NO. 12-34 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Leandro Unified School District on this 1st day of May, 2012.

Morgan Mack-Rose, Board President

Cindy M. Cathey, Superintendent