

RESOLUTION NO. 20-29

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN AND
PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES AND RECOGNIZING ASIAN AMERICAN
HISTORY MONTH

April 6, 2021

WHEREAS, twenty-three million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) account for seven percent of the Nation's population in the United States; and over two million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are working on the frontlines of this COVID-19 pandemic in health care, law enforcement, first responders, education, transportation, supermarkets, and other essential service industries; and

WHEREAS, in San Joaquin County, Asian American and Pacific Islanders currently make up 15 percent of the county's population and where Stockton, in January 2020, is considered one of the most racially and ethnically diverse cities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the recent rise of violence against Asian Americans is part of a larger history of violence against communities of color, we must work together to create community-centered solutions that stop the violence in all communities; and

WHEREAS, San Joaquin Delta College District recognizes that past statements at the federal level have played a role in furthering anti-Asian sentiments, including references to the COVID-19 pandemic by the geographic location of its origin; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Delta College's Asian and Pacific Islander American Staff Association (APIASA), founded in 1988, seeks to stimulate community interest in all phases of education and to encourage constructive action to help meet the educational and cultural needs of the Asian American Pacific Islander community and to promote a better understanding and cultural exchange amongst Asian American and Pacific Islander community; and

WHEREAS, the Empowering Positive Initiative for Change (EPIC) learning community, founded in 2016 seeks to better serve our students who have an interest in exploring topics related to self-awareness, personal growth, cultural identity, Asian Pacific American History, Political Science, and written and oral communication through the lens of the AAPI experience; and

WHEREAS, such inflammatory rhetoric is inaccurate and stigmatizing and has put AAPI persons, families, communities, and businesses at risk; these remarks tend to incite fear and xenophobia, and have exacerbated racism against individuals of Asian ancestry; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin Delta Community College District vehemently denounces the violence against Asian American and Pacific Islanders and wishes to

affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian American and Pacific Islander students and community members and ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, Asian and Pacific Islanders have been an integral part of the American character; and, despite tremendous adversity, they have endured and retained invaluable political, social, and moral presence and have flourished with vibrant cultures and rich traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Student Equity Plan identifies and recognizes Asian American and Pacific Islander students as disproportionately impacted student groups and San Joaquin Delta College is committed to addressing the equity gap and addressing systemic racism that impacts the AAPI community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the San Joaquin Delta Community College District hereby adopts Resolution Number 20-29 in order to show our solidarity with the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in our District and surrounding areas in order to support AAPI student, employee, and community success, and hereby honors and recognizes the month of May 2021, in perpetuity, as Asian American History Month to mark the achievements and contributions of Asian/Pacific Islanders in California and in the United States;

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin Delta Community College this 6th day of April 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

	Brown	Garcia	Jennings	Blanchard	Mathis	Rivera	Stebbins	Atler
AYES								
NOES								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

Dr. Charles Jennings, President of the Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin Delta Community College District

ATTEST:

Ms. C. Jennet Stebbins, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin Delta Community College District