



**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025.26.0008

WHEREAS, from May 1 through May 31, 2026, the United States recognizes Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities represent over 48 ethnicities, speak more than 300 languages, and bring unique histories, traditions, and perspectives that contribute to our collective learning and growth; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have lived and worked in Oregon for more than 200 years, contributing to the state's rich history, economy, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have helped advance our communities through their contributions to all fields of education, business, the arts, economic development, science, technology, public service, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions and leadership, the role of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in U.S. history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, the Centennial School District serves a richly diverse student body, where Asian American and Pacific Islander learners and families are essential contributors to the cultural, academic, and civic life of our schools and communities;

AND WHEREAS, the Centennial School District Board is committed to celebrating and appreciating each student for the distinct and vibrant contributions made by sharing cultures, languages, ideas, beliefs and values within a school community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Directors for the Centennial School District, hereby recognize May 1 through May 31, 2026 as National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and encourage staff, students, and the community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and economic contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community to Oregon and the United States through culturally relevant activities, and to deepen understanding of the experiences that have shaped our nation.

Signed: _____
Pam Shields Board Chair

Date: _____