## GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Resolution No. 10

## AFFIRMING THE GLENDALE UNIFIED BOARD OF EDUCATION'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF OUR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA DUE TO FEARS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Glendale Unified School District believes that we have a special responsibility to understand and intentionally work to eliminate racism in our curricula, our classroom cultures, and our relationships with our students, our parents/guardians, and each other because our collective future depends on it; and

WHEREAS, Glendale Unified School District celebrates the rich diversity of its school community and recognizes the thousands of students, families, and employees of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who are valued members of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale Unified School District recognizes the role of current and historical events in the teaching of tolerance and understanding, and the value and strength of diversity; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are suffering acts of discrimination, hate crimes, and microaggressions due to fears of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, scientists have confirmed that the COVID-19 disease does not respect borders, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors because they can fuel ethnic discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale Unified School District is especially aware of the trauma and isolation that is accompanying the COVID-19 global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Glendale Unified School District affirms its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our Asian American and Pacific Islander community members and ensures that they are not alone and will be supported in helping to stop the spread of the xenophobia;

WHEREAS, the Glendale Unified School District stands in solidarity with our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education continues to support our Asian American and Pacific Islander community members and denounces any and all xenophobia related to COVID-19 and beyond.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Glendale Unified School District recognizes the tremendous contributions made by our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and affirms its commitment to support the social, emotional, and physical needs of all students.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 9th day of March 2021, at a regular meeting of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education, Los Angeles County, California.

Dr. Armina Gharpetian, President Shant Sahakian, Vice President Nayiri Nahabedian, Clerk Jennifer Freemon, Member Gregory S. Krikorian, Member 1 Dr. Vivian Ekchian, Superintendent