

**RESOLUTION RE: ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, over two decades ago, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution declaring the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week as May 4-10, 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, President George Bush in 1990 signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long and finally, signing Public Law 102-450 on October 23, 1992, designating May of each year Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of the United States of America and the City of Chicago have set apart a month known as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" in recognition of the many contributions of the Asian Pacific American population to the economic and cultural heritage of all the citizens of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago is connected with various cities in Asia through the Sister Cities International Program and their schools through the Sister Cities Schools Abroad Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Public Schools is one of the first school districts in the nation to offer Asian World Languages to elementary and high school students of all backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian World Languages are now taught in 11 elementary schools and 12 high schools, citywide; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of this body are pleased and honored to recognize a group of individuals who have contributed greatly to the heritage and education of the children of our nation and our city; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

That the month of May be recognized in the Chicago Public Schools as Asian Pacific Heritage Month from this day forward.