UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the current population of Asian American students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is 3.29 percent; and
WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in its proposed strategic plan seeks to increase diversity on campus; and
WHEREAS, currently the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire supports Black History Month; and
WHEREAS, currently the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire supports Hispanic Heritage Month; and
WHEREAS, currently the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire supports American Indian Heritage Month; and
WHEREAS, currently the above stated cultural months are celebrated on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus; and
WHEREAS, currently no Asian American History Month is celebrated on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus; and
WHEREAS, currently there is a national Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in May; and
WHEREAS, the academic school year ends half way through the month of May; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Chicago designates April as Asian American Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans bring to the United States a rich cultural heritage representing many languages, ethnicities, talents, and religious traditions; and

WHEREAS, history has shown that Asians have dedicated their time, effort, and have sacrificed their lives in the name of the United States; and

WHEREAS, here are a few examples of how the Asian people have helped: the Southeast Asian people help with the United States during the Vietnam War, the Chinese helped the Americans build its transportation industries and the Japanese Americans played a role in World War II; and

WHEREAS, in acknowledgment for their dedications we should learn more about the contributions and history of Asian Americans and celebrate their achievements, culture and the role they have played in U.S. history; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate supports and acknowledges an Asian American Heritage Month on this campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Asian American Heritage Month take place in April; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Raymond French transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Steven Tallant, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Andrew Soll, Vice Chancellor, Business & Student Services; Dr. Marty Wood, Chair, University Senate; Ann Lapp, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Development & Diversity; and Jodi Thesing-Ritter, Associate Dean of Student Development, Student Development & Diversity.

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