[Filipino American History Month - October 2021]

Resolution recognizing October 2021 as "Filipino American History Month" and celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States, when Luzones Indios, native Filipino sailors conscripted into the Spanish navy as labor during the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade, came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California, on October 18, 1587; and

WHEREAS, After years of advocacy by individuals and organizations, in 2009 the United States Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans play an integral role in the health care system of the United States as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals that have been on the frontline of the City and County of San Francisco's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American group in the nation and the second largest ethnic group in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to music, dance, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, the fine arts, and other fields that enrich the landscape of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American farmworkers and labor leaders, such as Philip Vera Cruz and Larry Itliong, played an integral role in the multiethnic United Farm Workers movement, alongside Cesar Chávez, Dolores Huerta, and other Latinx workers; and

WHEREAS, As mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, efforts should continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have largely been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to promote the understanding, education, and appreciation of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the City and County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes October 2021 as Filipino American History Month; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports the celebration of Filipino American History Month as a time to renew efforts toward the research and examination of history and culture so as to provide an opportunity for all people of the United States to learn more about Filipino Americans and to appreciate the historic contributions of Filipino Americans to the United States; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco designates
October 2021 as "Filipino American History Month."

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Resolution

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Date Passed: October 26, 2021

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October 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/26/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed Mayor

11/05/2021

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board