

1 [Filipino American History Month - October 2024]

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3 **Resolution recognizing October 2024 as "Filipino American History Month" and**  
4 **celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense**  
5 **contributions to the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October  
8 commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States in  
9 1587; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, As mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National  
25 Historical Society, efforts should continue to promote the study of Filipino American history

1 and culture because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have largely  
2 been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of the history of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to a large Filipino community that resides  
4 predominantly in the South of Market and Excelsior neighborhoods; and

5 WHEREAS, The South of Market is home to SOMA Pilipinas, San Francisco's Filipino  
6 Cultural Heritage District which spans 1.5 square miles and honors an over 100 year history of  
7 Filipinos in San Francisco; and

8 WHEREAS, The cultural district is home to dozens of community organizations and  
9 businesses serving the Filipino community; and

10 WHEREAS, The last year has been marked by incredible accomplishments in the  
11 Filipino community including West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center finally moving into a  
12 permanent home, United Playaz breaking ground on a new facility, the Asian Pacific Islander  
13 Cultural Center and Kulintang Arts Inc. acquiring and breaking ground on a permanent  
14 performance facility, the expansion of cultural art works and placemaking, expanded cultural  
15 tours, and the opening of three new Filipino-owned restaurants; and

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

19 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes October 2024 as  
20 Filipino American History Month; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes Filipino  
22 American History Month as a time to celebrate the rich culture of Filipino Americans and to  
23 appreciate the historic contributions of Filipino Americans to the United States; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco designates  
25 October 2024 as "Filipino American History Month."