

1 [Filipino American History Month - October 2013]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming October 2013 as Filipino American History Month in the City**
4 **and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Recognizing the great contributions of Filipino Americans to our nation's
7 history and culture is long overdue; and,

8 WHEREAS, With centuries of history here dating as far back as 1587 when Filipinos
9 first landed on this continent at Morro Bay, California; and,

10 WHEREAS, The establishment of the first permanent Filipino settlement was in
11 Louisiana in 1763, decades before our country's founding; and,

12 WHEREAS, Filipino communities grew in every part of the United States, from Alaska
13 to Hawaii to California; and,

14 WHEREAS, Filipino men and women have contributed to our nation with great
15 sacrifice, leaving behind their families and native home to work in the fisheries on the coast
16 and plantations in Hawaii and California; and,

17 WHEREAS, Despite facing significant discrimination at home and poor working
18 conditions for low wages, during World War II, Filipino Americans were among the first to
19 bravely fight for our country in order to protect freedom and secure peace around the world;
20 and,

21 WHEREAS, Filipino Americans continue to contribute significantly to our country in
22 areas such as health care, technology, education, government, construction, entertainment,
23 military and every sector of our economy; and,

24 WHEREAS, Filipino Americans should be recognized for their strong commitment to
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1 family and community, their valuable contributions in the workplace, and their role in fighting
2 for equality for all Americans, particularly immigrant and minority communities; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Filipino American community is the second largest Asian American
4 group in the United States, and California, especially San Francisco and the Bay Area, home
5 to the greatest number of Filipino Americans; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins local residents, our
7 Bay Area neighbors, and all Americans whose lives have been enriched by the beautiful
8 culture and strength of Filipino Americans; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stands with all
10 Filipino Americans commemorating their history of shaping and strengthening our nation and
11 their many contributions; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco will continue to pursue and prioritize
13 policies that recognize the needs and values of Filipino Americans and show appreciation for
14 their communities; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby
16 proclaim October 2013 as Filipino American History Month in the City and County of San
17 Francisco.

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