

1 [Filipino American History Month - October 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of October 2025 as "Filipino American History**
4 **Month" and celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their**
5 **immense 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 the month of October as Filipino American History Month;
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13 WHEREAS, Filipino Americans play an integral role in the health care system of the
14 United States as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals that have were on the
15 frontline of the City and County of San Francisco's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, More than 100,000 Filipinos served in the United States Armed Forces in
2 the Far East from 1939 to 1946, Over 60,000 of these World War II veterans immigrated to
3 the United States and became U.S. Citizens after the passage of the Immigration and
4 Naturalization Act of 1990, yet they did not qualify for Veterans Benefits until recently; and

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, A significant number of Filipino Americans reside in the Excelsior district
17 and throughout San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, The last few years have been marked by incredible accomplishments in
19 the Filipino community including many organizations purchasing new buildings that they can
20 permanently call home, the expansion of cultural art works and placemaking, expanded
21 cultural tours, and the opening of many new Filipino-owned restaurants; and

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

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1 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the month of
2 October 2025 as Filipino American History Month; and, be it

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

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco is committed to
7 upholding the rights and dignity of the Filipino immigrant community; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco designates the
9 month of October 2025 as "Filipino American History Month."
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