

1 [Filipino American History Month - October 2021]

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3 **Resolution recognizing October 2021 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  
9 States, when Luzones Indios, native Filipino sailors conscripted into the Spanish navy as  
10 labor during the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade, came ashore from the Spanish  
11 galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay,  
12 California, on October 18, 1587; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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