

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-20-11

Recognizing and Honoring

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

October 1 – 31, 2019

WHEREAS, in 2009, the U.S. Congress through the House of Senate and House of Representatives respectively passed H.R. 780 recognizing October 2011 and every October thereafter as **Filipino American History Month** to highlight the achievements and contributions of Filipino Americans; and

WHEREAS, October's significance as **Filipino American History Month** is due to the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States when on October 18, 1587 "Luzones Indios" came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 theme for **Filipino American History Month** is *Pinay Visionaries – Celebrating Filipina American Women* to honor Filipino American women who are recognized as the backbone of the Filipino American community; and

WHEREAS, during October, the Filipino American National Historical Society will celebrate women like Dorothy Cordova, FANHS founder and director, and the late Dawn Bohulano-Mabalon, a passionate activist who dedicated her life to chronicling the rich Filipino American history in California and the U.S.; and


WHEREAS, **Filipino American History Month** highlights the economic, cultural, social, and patriotic contributions Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of our State and our Country and provides an opportunity to examine Filipino American's history and culture; and

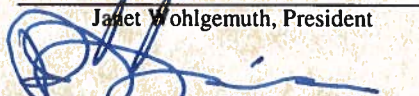
WHEREAS, with fluent English skills and strong work-ethics, teachers from the Philippines are relocating to the U.S. to help fill the shortage of teacher positions and appreciating the opportunity of experiencing and creating a life in the United States while serving students with passion and skill; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to the nation, the Monterey County Board of Education calls upon school districts, schools, and educators to observe the month of October with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 19-20-11 to recognize **Filipino American History Month** and to mark the achievements and contributions of Filipino Americans in Monterey County and throughout the United States of America.

**Passed and Adopted on the
Eleventh Day of September 2019**


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