

RESOLUTION NO. 25-19
Filipino American History Month

WHEREAS, this is an appropriate time to promote and reflect on the richness of Filipino and Filipino American history and culture and to provide all Americans with the opportunity to learn and appreciate and honor the Filipino Americans and their historic and social contributions to the history of the USA; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history and ethnicity in creating eminent role models, in establishing a proud cultural identity and producing exceptional citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the earliest documented evidence of Filipinos in continental United States occurred October 18, 1587, when mariners under Spanish command, referred to as “Luzones Indios,” landed in Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes the year 1763 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in Saint Malo, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, today, the Filipino American community is the second largest Asian American group in the United States, with an estimated population of 3,400,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988 and subsequently, every October, several communities throughout the United States and its territories have celebrated this occasion, not only to commemorate the anniversary of the presence of the first Filipinos in US soil and to observe its heritage, but also to recognize the social, intellectual and economic contributions of Filipinos and Filipino Americans in this country; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month was first proclaimed by the 111th Congress of the United States in November 2009; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education first recognized Filipino American History Month in 2006 by placing it on its celebrations calendar. In September 2017, the California State Legislature also recognized October as Filipino American History Month.

WHEREAS, Filipino American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history of serving to protect and defend this country in the Armed Forces, from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino Community played an important role in the City of Davis’ rich agricultural history, thereby helping to shape its landscape; and

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WHEREAS, immigrants from the Philippines and their families truly have enriched our nation, state, and city through their work in agriculture, their service in the Armed Forces, their contributions of skills and expertise as engineers, scientists, accountants, teachers, lawyers, nurses, and doctors, and their participation in public offices, civic affairs and community activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Davis Joint Unified School District, hereby issues this Resolution in honor and recognition of October 2018, as Filipino American History Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Tom Adams, President, Board of Education
Davis Joint Unified School District

Attest:

John A. Bowes, Ed.D., Secretary, Board of Education