



Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3351: Recognition of Filipino American History Month

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
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- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board of Education Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3351 Recognition of Filipino American History Month

Background/Rationale: Filipino Americans are the second-largest Asian American group in the nation and the third-largest ethnic group in California, after Latinos and African Americans. The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States, which occurred on October 18, 1587, when “Luzones Indios” came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3351

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: Jasjit Singh, Board Member

Approved by: Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 3351

In Recognition of October 2023 as Filipino American History Month

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, honor, and appreciate Filipino American identity and their historic and social contributions to the fabric of the United States of America; and

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

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

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

today, the Filipino American community is the third largest Asian American group in the United States, with an estimated population of 4,200,000 people, second largest Asian American group in California; and

the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988 and subsequently, every October, many 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

the California Department of Education first recognized October as Filipino American History Month in 2006 by placing it on its celebrations calendar, the 111th Congress of the United States recognized it in November 2009, and the California State Legislature recognized it in September 2017; and

Filipino American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history of sacrifice and service towards protecting and defending this country in the Armed Forces; and

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

preserving our Filipino communities throughout California and the United State is critical to the preservation of Filipino culture, history, traditions, and heritage and to the preservation of our state and national history as well as our local, state, and national future; and

the 20,000+-strong Filipino Community plays a vital role in the city of Sacramento’s rich history, thereby helping to shape its development and landscape; and

recognizes the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October 2023 a testament to the advancement of Filipino Americans; a time to reflect on and remember the many notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made to the United States; and a time to renew efforts toward the research and examination of history and culture so as to provide an opportunity for all people of the United States to learn more about Filipino Americans and to appreciate the historic contributions of Filipino Americans to the United States.

by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 5th day of October 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Lisa Allen
Secretary of the Board of Education

Chinua Rhodes
President of the Board of Education