

PROCLAMATION

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
OCTOBER 2023 AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH*

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are the third largest Asian American group in the United States and the second largest Asian American group in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is home to a proud and vibrant Filipino American community that has bolstered the city in the realms of art and music, business and finance, law and government, education and social service, and science and medicine; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month provides an opportunity to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, recognize the richness of the Filipino American experience, and honor the contributions of Filipino Americans; and

WHEREAS, the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the continental United States was October 18, 1587, when the first “Luzones Indios” set foot in Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have a long history of engaging in social justice movements across the nation including, but not limited to, the United Farmworkers Movement, the fight for Ethnic Studies, and the Hawaii Sugar Plantation; and

WHEREAS, The County of San Mateo appreciates and honors the countless achievements of Filipino Americans and continue our efforts to ensure our community is a welcoming and inclusive place that provides just and equal opportunities for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of October 2023 as Filipino American History Month and invites the community to study and explore the advancement of Filipino American culture, people, traditions, and values that have positively enriched our community through appropriate activities and ceremonies.

Dated:

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

NOELIA CORZO

RAY MUELLER

WARREN SLOCUM

DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors