

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

OCTOBER 2022 AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

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WHEREAS, Filipino Americans make up one of the largest Asian American ethnic groups in the United States, with a population of approximately 3,400,000 people; and

WHEREAS, we seek to instill in our community awareness of the importance of education, history, and self determination, and to help in establishing proud cultural identities, and producing exceptional citizens of this nation; 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, immigrants from the Philippines and their families truly have enriched our nation, state, and County through their work and contributions in agriculture; their service in the Armed Forces; their offerings, skills and expertise in a wide range of professions, including as engineering, sciences, business, education, law and healthcare; and their service in public offices, civic affairs, and community activities; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County and California as a whole continue to be places where Filipino Americans remain empowered and critical members of the political, social, economic, and cultural landscape through the variety of works and issues they place on the forefront,

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 2022 as Filipino American History Month and honors the legacy of Filipino American resilience and excellence and acknowledges Filipino Americans’ critical role in ensuring the bright future of our Nation.

Dated: October 18, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

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DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors