

PROCLAMATION

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

October 2021 as Filipino American History Month

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WHEREAS, since 1992, the Filipino American National Historical Society has set the month of October to celebrate and honor the lasting legacy of the contribution of Filipino Americans to the history of these United States; and

WHEREAS, heritage is limited to honoring cultures and tradition, but celebrating history also includes heritage along with the legacy of struggle, endeavors, and how these stories built a present that we enjoy today in hopes of pursuing its continuity for a much better future; and

WHEREAS, from the first Filipinos landing in Morro Bay and the Filipino labor leaders striking in Delano, to the educators promoting ethnic studies today, the nationwide Filipino American community of over 4 million people, over 1 million of whom live in California, continues to be significant contributors to the improvement of society in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Filipinos comprise a large portion of San Mateo County's population in particular in north County and Daly City where 33,000 Filipinos reside; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Filipino American healthcare and frontline workers have relentlessly worked, with some losing their lives, with the notion of protecting and nurturing our community's health and wellbeing; and

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

WHEREAS, the leaders of San Mateo County reaffirms its commitment to strengthen its solidarity with the Filipino American community by recognizing their impact to the County's best interests and wellbeing and by reaffirming its duty to support their civic engagement and significant contribution to the conversation, action, and future not only in the County of San Mateo but throughout these United States of America; 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 as Filipino American History month and honor the legacy of Filipino American resilience and excellence in the narrative of the United States and their critical part in ensuring the bright future of our society.

Dated: October 19, 2021

SUPERVISORS:

DAVID J. CANEPA, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors