

# Resolution

## MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-16-13

*Honoring*

## **FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, each October we observe **Filipino American History Month**, which was established to commemorate the first documented landing of Filipinos over 425 years ago and was first recognized statewide in 2006 when the California Department of Education placed it on its celebrations calendar and then in 2009 by the California State Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American National Society recognized the year of 1763 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Malo, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino-American community is the third largest Asian-American group in the United States and California has become the home to over half of the Filipino population in the United States with historic Filipino communities located in Delano, Los Angeles, Salinas, San Diego, San Francisco, Stockton, and Vallejo; and

**WHEREAS**, providing an opportunity to research, examine, and promulgate Filipino American's history and culture, **Filipino American History Month** highlights the economic, cultural, social, and patriotic contributions Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of our State and our Country; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Stockton was chosen as the site for the Filipino American National Historical Museum by the Filipino American National Historical Society Board of Trustees at the 1994 Conference and in 2015, the museum opened in Stockton's Little Manila; and

**WHEREAS**, instilled with the importance of education and the richness of their ethnicity and values of their legacy, Filipino Americans are deserving of recognition as positive role models whom are more likely to graduate from college than their Asian American counterparts and lead the way in many health-related occupations:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 15-16-13 to honor **Filipino American History Month** and to mark the achievements and contributions of Filipino Americans in California and in the United States of America, and call upon all educators to observe the month of October with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

**Passed and Adopted  
on the  
Sixteenth Day of September**

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