

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3455: Recognition of Filipino American History Month

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)

Division: Board of Education Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3455 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.

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- WHEREAS** 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
- WHEREAS** 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
- WHEREAS** 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 Sacramento being home to 20,000+ Filipino Americans; and
- WHEREAS** 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
- WHEREAS** 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
- WHEREAS** 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED SCUSD recognizes the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October 2024