

**RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS
NATIONAL FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Filipino American community is the second-largest Asian American group in the United States, comprising approximately 1.5% of the country’s population, and is the third-largest ethnic group in California; and

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

WHEREAS, the month of October is an appropriate time to promote and reflect on Philippine history and culture to provide all Americans with the opportunity to learn and appreciate more the Filipino Americans and their social, intellectual, and economic contributions to the United States; and

WHEREAS, preserving our Filipino communities throughout California and the United States is critical to the preservation of Filipino culture, history, traditions, and heritage and the preservation of our state and national history as well as our local, state, and national future; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, and ethnicity in creating eminent role models, in establishing a proud cultural identity, and producing exceptional citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American service members have a longstanding history of sacrifice and service towards protecting and defending this country in the Armed Forces; 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, accountant, teachers, lawyers, nurses, and doctors, and their participation in public offices, civic affairs, and community activities; and

WHEREAS, diversity represents one of our greatest strengths, and by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Filipino American men and women, our City celebrates the importance of inclusion to build a brighter future for all of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize October as National Filipino American History Month, and encourages all to recognize the richness of the Filipino American experience, and honor the contributions of Filipino Americans.

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