



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 8, 2022

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Proclaiming October 2022 as Filipino American History Month and the 435th Anniversary of
Filipinos in the United States**

Whereas, 40 years ago, the oldest national Filipino American organization, Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) was founded and is the only national group committed to promoting and preserving Filipino American history; and

Whereas, On November 2, 2009, the United States Congress passed House Resolution 780, officially recognizing October as Filipino American History Month; and

Whereas, 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; and

Whereas, Filipino immigrants significantly contributed to the history and building of the United States, most notably as laborers in the agriculture industry, as medical professionals in healthcare, as enlistees in the Armed Services, and as pioneers who settled to build communities; and

Whereas, the County's origins involve the contributions of Filipino laborers who made up much of the farm labor workforce at the turn of the 19th Century; and

Whereas, Filipino Americans have made Sonoma County and elsewhere in the United States their place to build a life, continuing to present day and into the future, greatly contributing to the local and broader culture and economy which enriches the landscape and the country; and

Whereas, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of United States history.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby proclaims October 2022 as the 435th anniversary of the presence of Filipinos in the United States and recognizes October 2022 as Filipino American History Month in Sonoma County; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma encourages everyone to celebrate the history and contributions of Filipino Americans in Sonoma County and the United States.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Hopkins: Gore:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.