

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-21-12

Honoring and Recognizing

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

October 1 – 31, 2020

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 when “Luzones Indios” came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay; and

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

WHEREAS, in light of the momentous historical events and current issues that affect Filipino Americans, the 2020 theme for **Filipino American History Month** is *The History of Filipino American Activism* which highlights the many ways Filipino Americans have participated in social justice movements, including the United Farmworkers Movement and the fight for Ethnic Studies; and

WHEREAS, 2020 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Filipino American Far West Convention in Seattle, whose overarching theme was Emergence and is credited in part as the start of the Filipino American movement, and also the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Luzon in the Philippines, one of the bloodiest battles of World War II; and

WHEREAS, 2020 marks the 90th anniversary of the Watsonville riots which was a period of racial violence and socioeconomic tensions in our local agricultural community and involved altercations between Filipino American farm workers and local residents opposed to immigration; and

WHEREAS, this year, **Filipino American History Month** honors the history of Filipino American solidarity in their fight for equity and justice and also brings to light the advocacy of Filipino American healthcare workers who are actively protecting and fighting for lives every day during this global COVID-19 pandemic; and

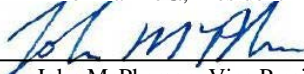
WHEREAS, to celebrate the cultural enrichments and historical contributions of Filipino Americans to our nation, the Monterey County Board of Education calls upon school districts, schools, and educators to observe the month of October with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to bring awareness of the significant role Filipinos have played in American history:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 20-21-12 to recognize **Filipino American History Month** and to mark the achievements and contributions of Filipino Americans in Monterey County and throughout the United States of America.

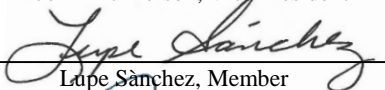
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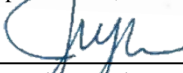
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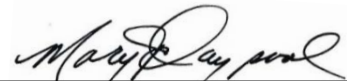
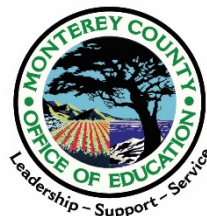
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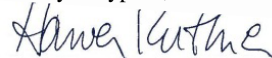
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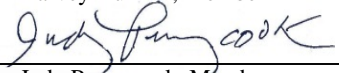
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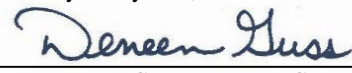
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