

**San Mateo Union High School District
Proclamation Recognizing October 1-31, 2024 as
Filipino American History Month**

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society declared the Year 1988 to be the 225th Anniversary of the Permanent Settlement of Filipinos in the Continental United States and had set into motion its yearlong, national observance to focus on the story of our nation's past from a new perspective by concentrating on the economic, cultural, social, creative and other notable contributions Filipino Americans had made in countless ways toward the development of United States History; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, U.S. Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, so mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the role of Filipino Americans and those of other People of Color have been neglected in the writings, teachings and learnings of United States History; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models and to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the values of their legacy; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Union High School District has an important role to commit to educating students and the larger community about the history, traditions, and diversity of the Filipino American community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo Union High School District hereby proclaims the Month of October 2024 as Filipino American History Month and encourages all residents to honor Filipino American history and culture.

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Passed and Adopted on this 26th Day of September, 2024



Superintendent

Ligia Andrade Zuniga

Board President