



RESOLUTION #26-39

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the first documented presence of Filipinos in the United States occurred on October 18, 1587, in Morro Bay, California, marking over 430 years of history and settlement in what is now the United States; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are an integral part of the diverse social, cultural, and economic fabric of the United States, contributing to the nation's development in numerous fields including medicine, government, business, education, the arts, and the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized as Filipino American History Month, first established by the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) to acknowledge the enduring legacy and achievements of Filipino Americans throughout U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American farmworkers, such as Larry Itliong, Philip Vera Cruz, and thousands of others, were instrumental in the fight for labor rights and social justice, organizing the 1965 Delano Grape Strike that led to the formation of the United Farm Workers (UFW) union alongside Cesar Chavez; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have played an essential role in defending the nation, with thousands of Filipino soldiers serving bravely in the U.S. military during World War II, notably in the Philippines campaign, and continuing to serve honorably in all branches of the armed forces today; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans, the second-largest Asian American group in the U.S., with an estimated population of over 4 million, enrich communities through their contributions to education, business, science, technology, arts, sports, and public service; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of Filipino Americans and to educate current and future generations about their vital role in shaping the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor the legacy, culture, and contributions of Filipino Americans, while fostering a greater understanding and appreciation for their significant impact on society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Oxnard Union High School District officially declares October 2026 as **Filipino American History Month**, and encourages all citizens to participate in educational and cultural events that recognize and celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Filipino Americans.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oxnard Union High School District reaffirms its commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion by honoring and uplifting the stories and achievements of Filipino Americans during this important month and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2026, by the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

State of California
County of Ventura

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Dr. Karen M. Sher
President, Board of Trustees
Oxnard Union High School District

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Dr. Virginia E. Kelsen
Superintendent
Oxnard Union High School District