

**Resolution Recognizing October 2017 as  
Filipino American History Month**

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa City Schools support diversity and inclusion in education for K-12 public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino American history month began in 1992, done in recognition of the contribution, culture and heritage that Filipino Americans brought to the United States from the Philippines when they arrived in October of 1587; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American National Historical Society declared the Year 1988 to be the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of permanent settlement of Filipinos in the continental United States; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, so mandated in the emission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the role of Filipino Americans and those of other people of color have been overlooked in the writings, teachings and learning of United States history; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for Filipino American youths 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**, California is home to over half of the Filipino population in the USA and the location of historic Filipino communities such as in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Stockton, Vallejo, Delano, San Diego and Salinas among others; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Santa Rosa City Schools recognize October 2017 as Filipino American History Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 27th day of September, 2017.

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Laurie Fong, Clerk of the Board