

PROCLAMATION

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021 AS NATIONAL FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans make up one of the largest Asian American ethnic groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the earliest documented evidence of Filipinos in the continental United States occurred in October 18, 1587 when mariners called “Luzones Indios” under Spanish command landed in Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is an appropriate time to promote and reflect on Philippine history and culture to provide all Americans with the opportunity to hear about and appreciate the contributions of Filipino Americans; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of Filipino Americans have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness that America continues to enjoy today, and the customs and traditions of Filipino Americans are respected and celebrated as part of the rich history of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, more than 260,000 Filipino and Filipino American soldiers answered the call to action and bravely served and sacrificed under the American flag. The Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act unanimously passed through Congress and was signed into law in December of 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, and ethnicity in creating eminent role models, establishing proud cultural identities, and producing exceptional citizens of this nation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Modesto City Schools Board of Education does hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as National Filipino American History Month. Individuals are encouraged to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs and to celebrate and learn more about our Filipino American communities.

Signed this 18th day of October 2021.

Dr. Sara Noguchi, Secretary
Board of Education
Modesto City Schools