



RESOLUTION NO. 19B
BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the earliest documented Filipino presence in the continental United States was October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" arrived in Morro Bay, California, on board the Nuestra Señora de Esperanza, a Manila-built galleon ship; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes 1763 as the year in which the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was established in St. Malo, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States adds a new perspective to the history of the United States by bringing attention to the economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions made by Filipino Americans to the development of our country; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American community is the third-largest Asian-American and Pacific Islander group in the United States, numbering approximately 4,000,000; and

WHEREAS, from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, Filipinos and Filipino Americans have a longstanding history of serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American leadership continues to grow and be recognized in politics and government, support of farmworkers and labor, and the health care system as nurses, doctors and other medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to music, dance, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, the fine arts, and other fields that enrich the landscape of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans make up approximately 5.7% (or 2,597 students) of the Contra Costa Community College District's (4CD) student population, and account for 4.2% (or 7,123 students) of the county's K-12 population according to Data Quest, California Department of Education;

WHEREAS, the recognition of Filipino American History Month by 4CD is just one example of the appropriate action 4CD must continue in order to respect and appreciate the contributions made by this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 4CD does hereby declare October 2022 as Filipino American History Month to acknowledge the long and proud advancement of Filipino Americans, and to encourage the observation of Filipino American History Month with appropriate programs and activities.

ADOPTED this 12th day of October 2022, by the 4CD Governing Board.

Approved:



Dr. Judy E. Walters, President
4CD Governing Board

Attested to:



John E. Márquez, Secretary
4CD Governing Board