



November 18, 2024

Board of Trustees Resolution

Recognizing October as Filipino-American History Month

Whereas, this is an appropriate time to promote and reflect on the richness of Filipino and Filipino-American history and culture and to provide all Americans with the opportunity to learn, appreciate, and honor Filipino Americans and their historic and social contributions to the history of the USA.

Whereas, the Filipino-American National Historical Society established Filipino-American History Month in 1988 and subsequently, every October, several communities throughout the United States and its territories, have celebrated this occasion, to commemorate the anniversary of the presence of the first Filipinos on US soil and to observe its heritage, and recognize the social, intellectual and economic contributions of Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in this country; and

Whereas, Filipino-American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history of serving to protect and defend this country in the Armed Forces, from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts; and

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

Whereas, today, the Filipino-American community is the second largest Asian American group in the United States, with an estimated population of 3,400,000 people; and

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Whereas, immigrants from the Philippines and their families truly have enriched our nation through their work in agriculture, their service in the Armed Forces, their contributions of skills and expertise as engineers, scientists, accountants, teachers, lawyers, nurses, and doctors, and their participation in public offices, civic affairs, and community activities; and

Whereas, Filipino-American History Month was first proclaimed by the 111th Congress of the United States in November 2009; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the South Orange County Community College District hereby recognizes October each year as Filipino American History Month.

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