

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2693-2**

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month is observed annually in October. The month commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in what is now the continental United States, when Filipino sailors landed at Morro Bay, California, on October 18, 1587; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the United States Congress officially recognized October as Filipino American History Month. The observance is celebrated nationwide by schools, colleges, community organizations, and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to the fine arts, business, education, science, technology, government, and other fields in the United States that enrich the landscape of the country and in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans comprise one of the largest Asian American communities in the United States and represent a significant and growing community in California; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County is home to a vibrant Filipino American community of 104,063 residents, making up about 5.5 percent of the total county population. Their contributions enrich local schools, businesses, government agencies, community organizations, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Filipino American History Month aligns with the Santa Clara County Office of Education's (SCCOE) commitment to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. It provides an opportunity for SCCOE to honor the history, culture, and contributions of Filipino Americans while promoting awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the diverse communities we serve; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing October as Filipino American History Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 21, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Jessica Speiser, Tara Sreekrishnan

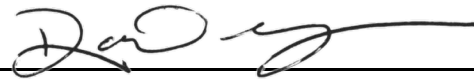
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jorge Pacheco



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools