



**SAN JOSÉ-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION No. 101320-2
CELEBRATING FILIPINO/FILIPINX AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, *The Board of Trustees acknowledges dedicated weeks and months that celebrate our diversity; and*

WHEREAS, *Filipino/Filipinx American History Month began in 1992 in recognition of the diversity, contributions and culture that Filipinx Americans brought to the United States from the Philippines when they arrived on October 18, 1587 in Morro Bay, California; and*

WHEREAS, *The first permanent Filipinx settlement in North America was established near Baratarian Bay in Southern Louisiana in 1787, initiating a relationship with the United States that continues to this day; and*

WHEREAS, *Filipinx Americans comprise the second largest Asian American population in the United States, and a total of 1470 students at the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District during FY 2019-2020; and*

WHEREAS, *“...Santa Clara Valley has a particularly unique history of Filipino American livelihood and growth. As early as the 1920s, a vital site of employment resided in the area known as present-day Japantown in San José. Working relationships and friendships were built among many Filipino and Japanese farm owners. In fact, Filipinos kindly helped maintain the operations of farms owned by Japanese families who were forced into internment camps during World War II.” – Filipino Memorial Project...”*

<https://www.rafu.com/2013/10/talk-on-filipino-americans-and-history-of-san-jose-japantown/>; and

WHEREAS, *“By the early 1930s San Jose’s Heintlerville Chinatown declined because of bankruptcy, the pending sale of the property, and the Great Depression. The Filipino immigrants followed many of the Chinese businesses that moved into North Sixth Street. Some enterprising Filipinos established shops and stores and took up residence in Sixth Street. As more Filipino immigrants arrived, these businesses became a vibrant Filipino enclave, “Pinoytown,” that flourished from the 1930s through the 1950s...”*

<https://www.jamsj.org/upcoming-events/2020/8/8/hidden-histories-of-san-jose-japantown-episode-3>

WHEREAS, *We acknowledge and contribute to this year’s theme of The History of Filipinx American Activism as a reflection on how the Filipinx community has been involved in social justice movements over the years; and*

WHEREAS, *Our Faculty and Staff including members of the Asian Pacific American Association (APAA) and the Asian Pacific Islander Resources for Excellence (ASPIRE) Program are hosting events to educate about the contributions of the Filipinx Community to our district and our community; and*

WHEREAS, *Further efforts are needed to promote the study and research of Filipinx American history to create a more complete and balanced United States history that reflects the legacy and rich contributions of Filipinx Americans to our great nation; and*

WHEREAS, *These celebrations point out the pressing need to continue our collective efforts to complete the integration and the history of all people including Filipinx Americans into our mainstream curriculum; and*

WHEREAS, *The California State Legislature unanimously approved legislation in 2009 to officially recognize the accomplishments of Filipinx Americans with Senate Concurrent Resolution 48, authored by Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco/San Mateo), declaring October 2009 and thereafter as Filipino/Filipinx American History Month in the State of California; and*

WHEREAS, Our district wishes to acknowledge the excellent work of our many faculty and staff members for participating in educational events that pay tribute to the experiences and contributions of people of various heritages, including Filipinx Americans; and

WHEREAS, The Filipinx American students, faculty, staff, administrators and Board Members of the San José-Evergreen Community College District have made numerous contributions to our colleges; and

Be it Therefore Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the San José-Evergreen Community College District acknowledges and supports the designation of October as Filipinx American History Month.

Presented on this 13th Day of October 2020

Byron D. Clift Breland
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