



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.3

Meeting Date: October 7, 2021

Subject: Resolution No. 3232: Recognition of Filipino American History Month

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Human Resource Services

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3232 Recognition of Filipino American History Month

Background/Rationale: Filipino Americans are the second-largest Asian American group in the nation and the third-largest ethnic group in California, after Latinos and African Americans. The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States, which occurred on October 18, 1587, when “Luzones Indios” came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3232

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 3 minutes Submitted by: Cancy McArn, Chief Human Resources Officer Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>
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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 3232

Recognition 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;

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;

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 the United States;

Whereas the Filipino American community is the third largest Asian American and Pacific Islander group in the United States, with a population of approximately 4,000,000;

Whereas Filipino American students represent 1.3% of the student population in SCUSD, 2.7% in Sacramento County and 2.4 in the state of California;

Whereas more than 250,000 Filipino veterans fought alongside U.S. troops in WWII, thousands of whom were never officially recognized and denied military benefits as a result of the Rescission Act of 1946;

Whereas Filipino Americans were central to formation of the Third World Liberation Front (TWLF), who were critical to the organizing, mobilization, and success of the 1968 SF State Student Strike, which ultimately led to the development of the country's first Ethnic Studies program, whose legacy is carried throughout California's Ethnic Studies graduation requirements in high schools, community colleges, and state universities;

Whereas Filipino American farmworkers and labor leaders, such as Philip Vera Cruz and Larry Itliong, played an integral role in the multiethnic United Farm Workers movement, alongside Cesar Chávez, Dolores Huerta, and other Latino workers;

Whereas Filipino Americans play an integral role in the healthcare system of the United States as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals;

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 United States;

Whereas it is essential to promote the understanding, education, and appreciation of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED SCUSD recognizes the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October 2021 a testament to the advancement of Filipino Americans; a time to reflect on and remember the many notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made to the United States; and a time to renew efforts toward the research and examination of history and culture so as to provide an opportunity for all people of the United States to learn more about Filipino Americans and to appreciate the historic contributions of Filipino Americans to the United States.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 7th day of October 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Christina Pritchett
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

Jorge A. Aguilar
Secretary of the Board of Education