

Proclamation

Filipino American History Month October 2023

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, U.S. Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are an integral part of the United States health care system as nurses, doctors, and other medical professions; and


WHEREAS, the Filipino American community is the second-largest Asian American group in the United States, with a population of approximately 3,100,000 people, and represents more than 10% of the population in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Filipino Mental Health Initiative improves the well-being of Filipinos in San Mateo County by reducing the stigma of mental health, increasing access to services, and further empowering the community through outreach and engagement.

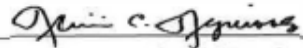
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 “**Filipino American History Month**” in honor of the rich culture that Filipino Americans have brought to the Redwood City community, and express appreciation to the County’s Filipino Mental Health initiative for supporting the Filipino community with culturally appropriate health, mental health and social services.

Date: October 2, 2023




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