FILE NO. 261095 RESOLUTION NO. 576-26

[Filipino American History Month - October 2026]

Resolution recognizing the month of October 2026 as "Filipino American History Month" and celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States in 1587; and

WHEREAS, After years of advocacy by individuals and organizations, in 2009 the United States Congress recognized the month of October as Filipino American History Month; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans play an integral role in the health care system of the United States as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals that were on the frontline of the City and County of San Francisco's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American group in the nation and the second largest ethnic group in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to music, dance, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, military service, the fine arts, and other fields that enrich the landscape of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American farmworkers and labor leaders, such as Philip Vera Cruz and Larry Itliong, played an integral role in the multiethnic farm workers movement; and

WHEREAS, More than 100,000 Filipinos served in the United States Armed Forces in Asia from 1939 to 1946; and over 60,000 of these World War II veterans immigrated to the

United States and became U.S. Citizens after the passage of the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1990, yet they did not qualify for Veterans Benefits until recently; and

WHEREAS, As mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, efforts should continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture because the roles of Filipino Americans and other People of Color have largely been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to a large Filipino community that resides predominantly in the South of Market and Excelsior neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The South of Market is home to SOMA Pilipinas, San Francisco's Filipino Cultural Heritage District which spans 1.5 square miles and honors an over 100-year history of Filipinos in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 10th anniversary of the City and County of San Francisco's recognition of SOMA Pilipinas as the City's Filipino Cultural Heritage District; and

WHEREAS, Through the leadership of the Filipino Cultural Heritage District, the South of Market and Downtown have transformed into one of San Francisco's most vibrant open-air galleries with dozens of public artworks and cultural landmarks, while they have also worked to protect small businesses and seniors from displacement, win landmark recognition for historic sites like the Mint Mall and Hall, help legacy organizations own their own buildings, and uplift contemporary artists; and

WHEREAS, The Cultural Heritage District is home to dozens of community organizations and businesses serving the Filipino community; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to promote the understanding, education, and appreciation of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the City and County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the month of October 2026 as Filipino American History Month; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes Filipino American History Month as a time to celebrate the rich culture of Filipino Americans and to appreciate the historic contributions of Filipino Americans to the United States; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco is committed to upholding the rights and dignity of the Filipino immigrant community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco designates the month of October 2026 as "Filipino American History Month."

City and County of San Francisco
Tails
Resolution

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 261095 **Date Passed:** October 06, 2026

Resolution recognizing the month of October 2026 as "Filipino American History Month" and celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the City and County of San Francisco.

October 06, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

File No. 261095

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/6/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

10/16/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

10/16/2026

Date