

September 19, 2023

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Board Meeting – September 19, 2023

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

C. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 8 to Recognize October 2023 as Filipino American History Month

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board take action and approve Board Resolution No. 8 and declare October 2023 as Filipino American History Month and encourages districts to celebrate Filipino history and heritage and provide opportunities for students to explore the historical and cultural aspects of the Filipino American community and the Philippines.

Board Resolution No. 8 follows on the next page.

**Next Steps:**

- Send out LACOE Communication to the 80 districts to encourage districts, schools and community organizations to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.
- Invite school districts to participate in professional development opportunities and access materials to build content knowledge of the subject and acquire instructional strategies to teach the topic effectively in classrooms.
- Provide support to districts to implement ethnic studies with intentionality of including the history and contributions of the group identified.
- LACOE will offer the following professional development opportunities regarding the inclusion of Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies in Ethnic Studies and American history courses:
  - Ethnic Studies Three-Day Institute, October 17-19, 2023 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education.
  - Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies Ethnic Studies Symposium, May 7, 2024 at the Chinese American Museum in Los Angeles.

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

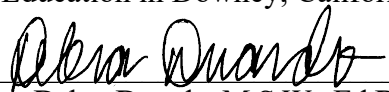
No. 8: 2023-24

**Recognize October 2023 as Filipino American History Month**

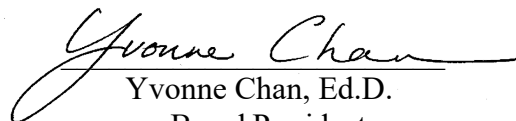
- WHEREAS,** In October 1587 the first Filipinos arrived in the United States in what is now Morro Bay, California; and
- WHEREAS,** Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American group in the nation, with an estimated population of 4 million; and
- WHEREAS,** Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to the cultural, political and economic life in the United States, the State of California and Los Angeles County; and
- WHEREAS,** October is the birth month of Filipino-American labor leader Larry Itliong, an icon in the farm labor movement; and
- WHEREAS,** October was declared Filipino Heritage Month in California and Hawaii in 1988 and the California Department of Education officially recognized October as Filipino Heritage Month in 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** Filipino American servicemen and women have a longstanding history in the Armed Forces – from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including the 25,000 Filipinos who fought alongside US soldiers during WWII; and
- WHEREAS,** Filipino American youth need positive role models to instill in them the importance of education and the study of their rich history and heritage; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Los Angeles County Board of Education hereby declares October as Filipino American History Month and encourages districts to celebrate Filipino history and heritage and provide opportunities for students to explore the historical and cultural aspects of the Filipino American community and the Philippines.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.



Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.  
Superintendent



Yvonne Chan, Ed.D.  
Board President