

September 19, 2023

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Board Meeting – September 19, 2023

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

D. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 9 to Recognize October 25, 2023 as Larry Itliong Day

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board take action and approve Board Resolution No. 9 and declare October 25, 2023 as Larry Itliong Day 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.

Resolution No. 9 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. 9: 2023-2024

Recognize October 25, 2023, as Larry Itliong Day

WHEREAS, Larry Itliong, who organized West Coast agricultural workers starting in the 1930s, was instrumental in shaping the farm labor movement; and

WHEREAS, Itliong rose to national prominence in 1965 when he and other Filipino American labor leaders helped create the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and joined forces with Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta and the National Farmworkers Association in a nationwide boycott of grapes that led to the first farmworkers union contracts; and

WHEREAS, Itliong recognized the power of working across language and cultural barriers to fight for better conditions for all; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, the 108th anniversary of Itliong's birth, we recognize the contributions of Larry Itliong and other labor leaders whose hard-fought battles helped advance farmworkers' rights and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles have declared October 25 as Larry Itliong Day; and

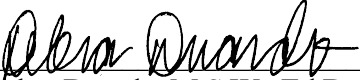
WHEREAS, his legacy continues to inspire the next generation of leaders across our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the California State Assembly has passed AB 123 that requires all schools in California to include the contributions of Filipino Americans in the curriculum on the farm labor movement; and

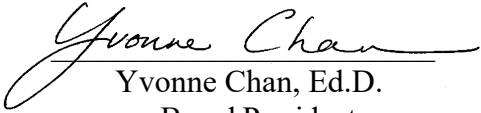
WHEREAS, Filipino American youth need positive role models like Larry Itliong and need to be provided opportunities to study his life and his role in the history of the labor movement, as well as the rich history and heritage of Filipino Americans; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Education hereby declares October 25 as Larry Itliong Day 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 19th 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