

1 [Filipino American History Month - October 2024]
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3 **Resolution recognizing October 2024 as "Filipino American History Month" and**
4 **celebrating the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense**
5 **contributions to the City and County of San Francisco.**
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7 WHEREAS, The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October
8 commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States in
9 1587; and

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Filipino American farmworkers and labor leaders, such as Philip Vera Cruz
22 and Larry Itliong, played an integral role in the multiethnic United Farm Workers movement,
23 alongside Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, and other Latinx workers; and

24 WHEREAS, As mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National
25 Historical Society, efforts should continue to promote the study of Filipino American history

1 and culture because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have largely
2 been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of the history of the United States; and

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

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

8 WHEREAS, The cultural district is home to dozens of community organizations and
9 businesses serving the Filipino community; and

10 WHEREAS, The last year has been marked by incredible accomplishments in the
11 Filipino community including West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center finally moving into a
12 permanent home, United Playaz breaking ground on a new facility, the Asian Pacific Islander
13 Cultural Center and Kulintang Arts Inc. acquiring and breaking ground on a permanent
14 performance facility, the expansion of cultural art works and placemaking, expanded cultural
15 tours, and the opening of three new Filipino-owned restaurants; and

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

19 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes October 2024 as
20 Filipino American History Month; and, be it

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

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco designates
25 October 2024 as "Filipino American History Month."



City and County of San Francisco

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October 22, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/22/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

11/01/2024

London N. Breed
Mayor

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Date