

PROCLAMATION
Filipino American History Month
October

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society declared the Year 1988 to be the 225th Anniversary of permanent settlement of Filipinos in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, so mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the role of Filipino Americans and those of other people of color have been overlooked in the writings, teachings, and learning of United States history; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models and to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the values of their legacy; and

WHEREAS, the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the continental United States falls on October 1587, according to numerous historians who have written upon these early landings on California shores; and

WHEREAS, Alameda resident and California Assembly member Rob Bonta was elected in 2012 as the state's representative of Alameda, Oakland, and San Leandro, making him the first Filipino American legislator in California;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education recognizes October as Filipino American Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2017.

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Gary K. Lym, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

Sean McPhetridge, Secretary
Board of Education
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