SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RESOLUTION NO. xx/25-26

IN SUPPORT OF FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, OCTOBER

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have made significant and enduring contributions to the United States, including in the areas of civil rights, labor, education, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have a rich history in the United States, dating back to October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" arrived in Morro Bay, California, aboard the Spanish galleon Nuestra Señora de Buena Esperanza; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are the second-largest Asian American group in the United States, with a population of over 4 million, including a vibrant community within San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD); and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October was first recognized by the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) in 1992, and has since been acknowledged by the United States Congress since 2009, and educational institutions across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month provides an opportunity for students, educators, and the community at large to learn about and reflect on the historical contributions and cultural heritage of Filipino Americans, which are often overlooked in traditional curricula; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness and appreciation of Filipino American history fosters a greater understanding of the diverse cultural fabric that makes up our nation, and encourages an inclusive environment where all students and staff feel a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Filipino American History Month aligns with the SRVUSD's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and supports the district's educational goals of providing a well-rounded and culturally responsive education for all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that San Ramon Valley Unified School District's Board of Education proclaims the month of October as Filipino American History Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SRVUSD encourages educators to incorporate lessons on Filipino American history, culture, and contributions into the Ethnic Studies curriculum and other appropriate curriculum during the month of October and throughout the academic year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SRVUSD supports the celebration of Filipino American History Month through school-wide events, assemblies, and activities that highlight the rich heritage and achievements of Filipino Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SRVUSD encourages all students, staff, and community members to actively participate in and support Filipino American History Month, fostering a school district that honors and celebrates its diversity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following called vote this 25th day of February 2025.

AYES: *Bratt, Clark, Hurd, vanZee*
NOES:
ABSENT: *Ordway*
ABSTAINED:

CJ Cammack
Secretary to the Board of Education of the
San Ramon Valley Unified School District,
Contra Costa County, State of California