



**Yolo County Board of Education and
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #23-24/12
In Recognition of Filipino American History Month**

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988 and subsequently, every October, many communities throughout the United States and its territories have celebrated this occasion; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Filipino American History Month commemorates the anniversary of the presence of the first Filipinos in the United States as October 18, 1587 marks the first recorded arrival of Filipinos in the continental United States in Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education first recognized October as Filipino American History Month in 2006 by placing it on its celebrations calendar; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the U.S. Congress first passed a resolution to recognize the celebration of Filipino American History Month as a “time to renew efforts towards the examination of history and culture in order to provide an opportunity for all people in the United States to learn more about the Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to the Nation;” and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature first recognized October as Filipino American History Month in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have been integral to the prosperity of the United States, and their contributions to the nation are immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month recognizes the social, intellectual and economic contributions of Filipinos and Filipino Americans in this country; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans continue to make important contributions to our society in American government, business, agriculture, commerce, medicine, nursing, education, the arts, science, and sports; and

WHEREAS, based on 2022-23 school year data, the State of California is home to approximately 127,735 Filipino students from kindergarten through grade twelve, which is 2.2% of the student population in California; and

WHEREAS, based on 2022-23 school year data, Yolo County enrolls 311 Filipino students from kindergarten through grade twelve, which is 1.0% of the student population in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Education recognizes the importance for the Filipino American community to have positive role models and to instill in them the importance of education, completed with the richness of their ethnicity and the values of their legacy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools proclaims October as Filipino American History Month and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

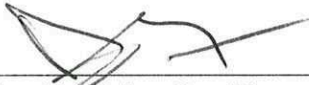
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on September 12, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas

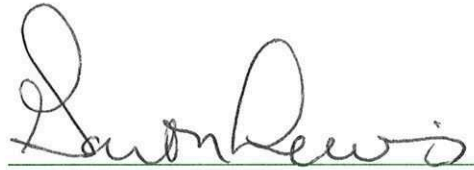
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Tico Zendejas, President
Yolo County Board of Education



Garth Lewis
County Superintendent of Schools