

# *Resolution No. 2019 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2019 AS FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, October 18, 1587 is the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the continental United States as the first “Luzones Indios” set foot in Morro Bay, California, and the year 1763 was the first permanent settlement of Filipinos in the continental United States in St. Malo, Louisiana, and between 1906 and 1935, the first large wave of Filipino immigration began to work as agricultural workers in Solano County, as domestic servants, on railroads and in Vallejo, as shipyard workers at Mare Island. Their presence in Solano County set in motion the economic, cultural, social, and other contributions that Filipino Americans have made to our great Nation and County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino presence in Solano County dates back over one hundred years starting with the arrival of war brides as well as the nannies and servants of US Naval Officers stationed at Mare Island after the Spanish-American and Philippine American Wars, and the arrival of Vallejo’s first Filipino family, a marriage between African American Buffalo soldier George Washington Carter and Maria Martinez in 1912, setting the stage for Filipinos today being the largest Asian American Pacific Islander group in Solano County, the second largest in California, and the third largest in the Nation, according to a U.S. Census Bureau multi-year trend; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Vallejo and the communities in Solano County have long recognized the contributions of Filipino Americans, several of whom have dedicated many years of service as leaders with various government and private entities, as well as having served as educators, health and social workers, civil servants, military members, elected officials and policymakers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American National Historical Society – Vallejo Chapter continues to fulfill its mission to document, record, educate and disseminate the history of Filipinos in Vallejo, who in 2019 produced a permanent exhibit “Filipinos on Mare Island” for the Mare Island Museum, helped dedicate the “Moises Way, the first street named after a Filipino in Vallejo, and presented the Vallejo Filipino history at public events including at the Solano County Fair’s Cultural Pavilion.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby designate October 2019 as “Filipino American History Month,” and encourage our citizens to celebrate the significance of Filipino Americans, their contributions, values, culture and the positive role models that they have proudly displayed in transforming the diversity and rich history of our historic and beautiful County and our great Nation.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019

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ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk