



Filipino American History Month Resolution

The Board of Education
Pittsburg Unified School District

Resolution 23-11

WHEREAS, this is an appropriate time to promote and reflect on the richness of Filipino and Filipino American history and culture and to provide all Americans with the opportunity to learn about, appreciate, and honor Filipino Americans and their historic and social contribution to the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, and ethnicity in creating eminent role models, establishing a proud cultural identity, and producing exceptional citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988; subsequently every October several communities throughout the United States and its territories have celebrated this occasion to commemorate the anniversary of the presence of the first Filipinos in the United States and to observe their heritage and recognize the social, intellectual, and economic contributions of Filipinos and Filipino Americans in this country; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history of serving in the Armed Forces from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts to protect and defend this country; and

WHEREAS, the earliest documented evidence of Filipinos in continental United States occurred on October 18, 1587, when mariners called "Luzones indios" landed in Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, today the Filipino American community is the second largest Asian American group in the United States with an estimated population of 3,400,000 people; and

WHEREAS, immigrants from the Philippines and their families truly have enriched our nation through their work in agriculture; their service in the Armed Forces; their contributions of skills and expertise as engineers, scientists, accountants, teachers, lawyers, nurses, and doctors; and their participation in public offices, civic affairs, and community activities; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month was first proclaimed by the 111th Congress of the United States in November 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pittsburg Unified School District hereby issues this resolution in honor of recognition of October 2023 as Filipino American History Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to every school in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to post a copy of this resolution at each School Site; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED, on September 27, 2023, at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

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Taylor Sims, Board President