

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH DECLARING OCTOBER AS
FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society had declared the Year 1988 to be the 225th Anniversary of the Permanent Settlement of Filipinos in the Continental United States and had set into the motion its year-long, national observance in order to focus on the story of our nation's past from a new perspective by concentrating on the critically economic, cultural, social and other notable contributions Filipino Americans had made in countless ways toward the development of United States History; and

WHEREAS, the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the Continental United States falls on October 1587, and that definitive dates of written landings on the shores of California have been recorded with the earliest on October 18, 1587; 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's 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, Long Beach, with a significant population of Filipino Americans, should honor the extensive contributions to American society by Filipino Americans by declaring October as Filipino American History Month;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach formally declares October as Filipino American History month and that it be observed annually during each October and as a relevant time to renew more efforts toward research, examination and promulgation of Filipino American history and culture in order to provide an opportunity for the residents of Long Beach to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to our nation.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of September 14, 2010 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske,
Andrews, Johnson, Gabelich, Neal.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Lowenthal.



City Clerk