October 20, 2025

## Board of Trustees Resolution

## In Recognition of October as Filipino American History Month

Whereas, October is nationally recognized as Filipino American History Month, commemorating the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States on October 18, 1587, in Morro Bay, California; and

Whereas, Filipino Americans are the second-largest Asian American group in the United States and have made significant contributions to the social, cultural, economic, and political fabric of the nation; and

Whereas, Filipino Americans have a long history of service in education, healthcare, the arts, business, public service, and the military, with many continuing to shape and strengthen communities across Orange County and California; and

Whereas, the South Orange County Community College District is committed to honoring and uplifting the diverse histories of its students, faculty, staff, and community, including the rich heritage and enduring achievements of Filipino Americans; and

Whereas, the celebration of Filipino American History Month provides opportunities for education, cultural exchange, and reflection, deepening awareness of the struggles and triumphs of Filipino Americans while strengthening the District's values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; now, therefore,

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Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District does hereby recognize October as Filipino American History Month and encourages the campuses and community to participate in programs, activities, and learning opportunities that honor the history, culture, and contributions of Filipino Americans.

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