



September 28, 2026

Board of Trustees Resolution

In Recognition of October 2026 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 what is now Morro Bay, California;

Whereas, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month to promote the study, preservation, and celebration of Filipino American history, with the first month-long observance held in October 1992;

Whereas, the United States Congress formally recognized October as Filipino American History Month in 2009, affirming the importance of Filipino American history and the community's enduring contributions to the nation;

Whereas, Filipino Americans have played a vital role in the history and development of California and the United States, including through leadership and service in education, healthcare, agriculture and labor, the arts, business, public service, science, technology, and the Armed Forces;

Whereas, Filipino American labor leaders, including Larry Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz, helped advance the movement for farmworker justice and contributed to the historic Delano grape strike and the formation of the United Farm Workers;

Whereas, Filipino Americans continue to shape and strengthen Orange County and California, enriching the region's civic, educational, cultural, and economic life;

Whereas, the South Orange County Community College District is committed to honoring and uplifting the diverse histories, cultures, experiences, and achievements represented among its students, faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and communities;

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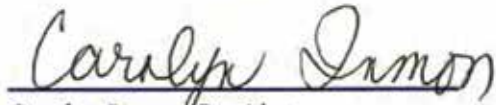
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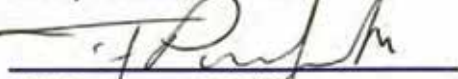
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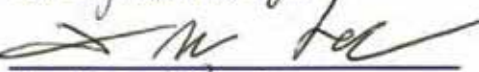
Whereas, the observance of Filipino American History Month provides opportunities for education, cultural exchange, and reflection while deepening awareness of Filipino American experiences, struggles, triumphs, and contributions; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District hereby recognizes October 2026 as Filipino American History Month and honors the history, culture, achievements, and lasting contributions of Filipino Americans to the District, Orange County, California, and the nation.

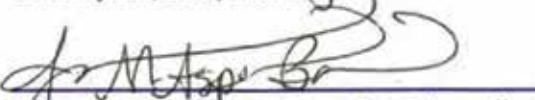
Be It Further Resolved, that the Board encourages Irvine Valley College, Saddleback College, District Services, and the broader community to participate in programs, activities, and learning opportunities that celebrate Filipino American history and promote greater understanding, inclusion, and belonging.


Carolyn Inmon, President


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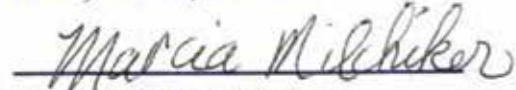

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