

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution Proclaiming October 2010 Filipino American History Month

Whereas, the first presence of Filipinos in the continental United States has been documented initially on October 18, 1587 according to the chronicles of the Manila galleon Captain Pedro Unamuno and the published accounts have determined and dedicated the initial landing site to be at Morro Bay, California in 1995; and

**Whereas,** the Filipino National Historical Society-California Central Coast Chapter was chartered on January 15, 1992 in Seattle, Washington as the tenth chapter nationwide; and

Whereas, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of United States history; and

Whereas, it is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the value of their legacy; and

Whereas, the Filipino National Historical Society-California Central Coast Chapter is a sponsor of the Central Coast Filipino Coalition to have all Filipino organizations come together celebrating Filipino Americans since 1995; and

Whereas, the State of California passage of Resolution Chapter 120 on September 25, 2009 designating October 2009 and every October thereafter as "Filipino American History Month" The first official celebration was in October 25, 2009 in Santa Maria, California honoring 20 Filipino American World War II Veterans that contributed to the history of United States.

Now therefore be it hereby ordered and resolved by unanimous vote that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, proclaim the month of October 2010 as Filipino American History Month, the  $423^{rd}$  anniversary of the presence of Filipinos in California. Passed and adopted this  $28^{th}$  day of September, 2010.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District