

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2024 AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States, which occurred on October 18, 1587, when “Luzones Indios” came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, U.S. Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month in the United States. Various states, counties, and cities in the U.S. have established proclamations and resolutions declaring observance of Filipino American History Month; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Fred Cordova, along with his wife, Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) Founder Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova, first introduced October as Filipino American History Month in 1992 with a resolution from the FANHS National Board of Trustees, marking 2024 as the 32nd anniversary of Filipino American History Month celebration nationally; and

WHEREAS, as early as the 1930’s, Filipino immigrants significantly contributed to the history Lake County, California, and the United States, most notably as laborers recruited to support the agricultural industry, as medical professionals to deliver healthcare, as servicemen and servicewomen to enlist in the Armed Services, and as pioneers who settled in the United States and Lake County to build communities; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have made Lake County their place to live, work and play, continuing to present day and into the future, greatly contributing to the local and broader culture and economy which enriches greater Lake County; and Lake County takes great pride in the diverse workforce, which includes talented Filipino Americans in the workforce to include key leadership positions; and is exemplified by outstanding public servants such as Ray Buenaventura, who serves as the Public Defender Director, and Lloyd Guintivano, who holds the position of County Counsel; and

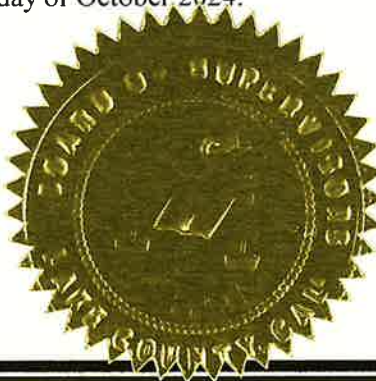
WHEREAS, the County of Lake will commemorate Filipino American History Month each October, a month-long observance to honor and share the rich tapestry of Filipino American art, history, culture, and identity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Lake County Board of Supervisors declares the month of October 2024 as Filipino American History Month in Lake County and encourages the community to engage and celebrate in Filipino American festivities throughout the month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of October 2024.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

By: _____



COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair Board of Supervisors