

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 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 2025 as the 33rd 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 local workforce; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lake will commemorate Filipino American History Month each October, 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 2025 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 28th day of October 2025.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____



Chair Board of Supervisors