

PROCLAMATION

Filipino American History Month *October 2023*

WHEREAS, this is an appropriate time to promote and reflect on the richness of Filipino and Filipino American history and culture and to provide all Americans with the opportunity to learn, honor, and appreciate Filipino American identity and their historic and social contributions to the fabric of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, and self-determination in creating eminent role models, in establishing a proud cultural identity, and producing exceptional citizens of this nation; and

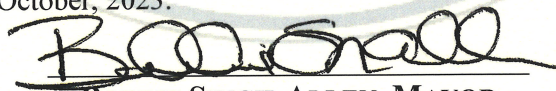
WHEREAS, the earliest documented evidence of Filipinos in the continental United States occurred on October 18, 1587, when mariners under Spanish command, referred to as "Luzones Indios", landed in Morro Bay, California, and the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes the year 1763 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in Saint Malo, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, immigrants from the Philippines and their families truly have enriched our nation, state, and city through their work and contributions in agriculture, their service in the Armed Forces, their offerings, skills and expertise as engineers, scientists, entrepreneurs, accountants, teachers, lawyers, nurses, and doctors, and their participation in public offices, civic affairs, and community activities; and

WHEREAS, today, the Filipino American community is the third largest Asian American group in the United States, with an estimated population of 4,200,000 people, second largest Asian American group in California, and the 15,000+-strong Filipino Community plays a vital role in the City of Elk Grove's rich history, thereby helping to shape its development and landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims October 2023 as Filipino American History Month in the City of Elk Grove and encourages the community to celebrate, reflect, learn, honor, and appreciate Filipino American identity and the historic and social contributions made to the fabric of the United States of America.

SIGNED this 11th day of October, 2023.



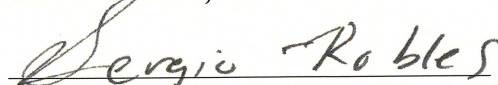
BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR



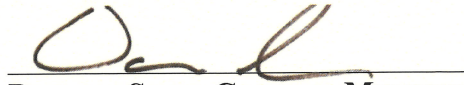
KEVIN SPEASE, VICE MAYOR



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