



Proclamation

Filipino American History Month

October 2024

Whereas, Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American group in the nation and the third largest ethnic group in California, after Latinos and African Americans; and

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, preserving our Filipino communities throughout California and the United States is critical to the preservation of Filipino culture, history, traditions, and heritage and the preservation of our state and national history as well as our local, state, and national future; and

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Singh, Mayor of the City of Manteca, on behalf of City Council, do recognize the month of October 2024, as Filipino American History month, and urge all citizens to learn more about the history and rich contributions of Filipino Americans.

DATE: October 1, 2024

Mayor Gary Singh