City of Santa Rosa

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2009, the United States Congress passed House Resolution 780, officially recognizing October as Filipino American History Month; 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 a Spanish galleon and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, Filipino immigrants significantly contributed to the history and building of Santa Rosa, 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 to build communities; and

WHEREAS, the City's origins involve the contributions of Filipino laborers who made up the majority of the workforce of the then flourishing seed, hop, and apple agribusinesses in the early 20th Century; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have made the City of Santa Rosa 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 the landscape and the country; 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, Santa Rosa is home to an active chapter of the Filipino American National Historical Society, who seeks to promote understanding, education, enlightenment, and appreciation of Filipino American history in the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as Filipino American History Month.

Mayor Natalie Rogers
October 24, 2023