



Proclamation



WHEREAS, the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October of each year 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; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American group in the nation and the third largest ethnic group in California, and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau Filipinos are the largest Asian Pacific Islander community residing in San Diego County and the 2nd largest ethnic group following Latinos; and

WHEREAS, Filipino History Month is a time of reflection and remembrance, and provides an opportunity for all people to learn and appreciate Filipino Americans’ historic contributions with various activities and events to bring awareness of the significant role Filipinos have played in American history; and

WHEREAS, National City is the business hub for many Filipino small businesses and is home to the first Seafood City Supermarket and the second Jollibee in the United States; and

WHEREAS, National City is home to many Filipinos who immigrated by way of the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, the City of National City celebrates October 2023 as Filipino American History Month with all of its constituencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Ron Morrison as Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, do hereby set my hand and affix the official seal and together with the City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2023 as:

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Ron Morrison
MAYOR

Luz Molina
Vice-Mayor

Marcus Bush
Councilmember

Jose Rodriguez
Councilmember

Ditas Yamane
Councilmember

