

## **FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, California is proud to be home to the largest Filipino American population in the nation that contributes greatly to shaping, advancing, and enriching our community and nearly 100,000 Filipinos live in Alameda County, representing 6% of its total population; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans are the third largest Asian American group in the United States and the second largest Asian American group in the state of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes the year 1763 as date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in USA in Saint Malo, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2009, the United States Congress passed a resolution to officially recognize October as Filipino American History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino men and women have made valuable contributions to all areas of life throughout California and the United States, including government, business, education, arts and sciences, medicine and healthcare, law enforcement, and the military; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have a long history of engaging in social justice movements across the nation including, but not limited to, the United Farmworkers Movement and the Hawaii Sugar Plantation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American communities have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends while setting examples as model citizens and public servants.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Fremont, hereby proclaim October 2023 as Filipino American History Month at the City of Fremont and encourage all the members of the community to continually engage in efforts to learn, respect and engage the history of the Filipino American community.