

**New Haven Unified School District  
Board of Education  
Resolution No. 009-2526**

Filipino-American History Month  
October 2025

**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, appreciate, and honor Filipino Americans and their historic and social contributions to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Haven Unified School District is the first in the nation to name a school after Filipino farm labor leaders Larry Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, and cultural identity in creating role models, establishing pride, and nurturing exceptional citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988, and since then, communities across the United States and its territories have celebrated every October to commemorate the arrival of the first Filipinos on U.S. soil and to honor their heritage and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history of serving honorably in the Armed Forces, from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts; and

**WHEREAS**, the earliest documented presence of Filipinos in the continental United States occurred on October 18, 1587, when mariners known as “Luzones Indios,” under Spanish command, landed in Morro Bay, California; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Filipino American community is the second-largest Asian American group in the United States, with an estimated population of 3.4 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Union City has an estimated 14,000 Filipinos and Filipino Americans who have made a profound impact on California’s history, values, and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino community played an important role in Union City’s agricultural history, helping to shape its economy and landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, immigrants from the Philippines and their families have enriched our nation through their work in agriculture, their service in the Armed Forces, their expertise as engineers, scientists, educators, health professionals, and their leadership in civic and community life; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2009, the 111th Congress of the United States officially recognized October as Filipino American History Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Haven Unified School District proclaims October 2025 as Filipino American History Month in honor and recognition of the history, culture, and contributions of Filipino Americans.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the following vote this 9th day of September, 2025:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Dr. John Thompson, Superintendent  
New Haven Unified School District,  
County of Alameda, State of California