

**New Haven Unified School District
Board of Education
Resolution No. 007-2627**

Filipino-American History Month
October 2026

WHEREAS, October provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the rich history, culture, heritage, and contributions of Filipino Americans and to deepen understanding and appreciation of their important role in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the earliest documented presence of Filipinos in the continental United States occurred on October 18, 1587, when “Luzones Indios” came ashore from a Spanish galleon at what is now Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans played an important role in the agricultural history of Union City and South Hayward, where generations of Filipino farmworkers contributed to the region's agricultural economy and helped establish a lasting Filipino American presence in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American labor movement, led by generations of “Manongs,” demonstrated the importance of organizing, solidarity, and collective action in advancing fair wages, safe working conditions, and dignity for farmworkers; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Filipino American farmworkers and labor leaders continues to be reflected in the cultural, economic, civic, and educational life of Union City, South Hayward, and the broader East Bay; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have made significant contributions to the history and development of the United States through their work in agriculture, labor organizing, the Armed Forces, education, health care, science, engineering, business, the arts, and civic and community life; and

WHEREAS, the New Haven Unified School District honors the legacy of Filipino American labor leaders Larry Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz through Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School, recognizing their leadership in the farm labor movement and their contributions to civil rights and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society has promoted the observance of October as Filipino American History Month for decades, providing communities throughout the United States with opportunities to recognize Filipino American history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the United States Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month, affirming the national significance of honoring Filipino American history and contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Haven Unified School District Board of Education recognizes October 2026 as Filipino American History Month and honors the history, culture, heritage, and contributions of Filipino Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Haven Unified School District encourages its schools and departments to recognize Filipino American History Month through appropriate educational and commemorative activities that promote understanding, appreciation, inclusion, and belonging.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the New Haven Unified School District this 15th day of September, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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