

# PROCLAMATION

## RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988 to commemorate the earliest documented evidence of Filipinos arriving to the continental U.S. and acknowledge the history, achievements and contributions of Filipino Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Congress first recognized Filipino American History Month (FAHM), as an annual celebration observed in October to symbolize over four centuries of contributions, challenges, and triumphs in America, recognize the history, pursuits, accomplishments, and legacy of Filipino Americans in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 4 million Filipino Americans in the United States, of which 1.6 million live in California, the Bay Area is home to the second-largest Filipino population in the U.S. contributing to all facets of society, culture and daily life as educators, health care professionals, first responders, service men and women, artists, athletes, community builders, activists, and leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hercules recognizes the significant achievements and contributions of Filipino Americans in shaping our culture and community, and reaffirms its commitment to fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can engage, learn, and celebrate the rich cultural diversity and unique perspectives that strengthen our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Dion Bailey, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize October 2025 as Filipino American History Month in the City of Hercules. I urge all citizens to learn about the history, cultural heritage, and ongoing impact of Filipino Americans and their lasting contributions that impact our community and nation today.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

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Dion Bailey, Mayor