PROCLAMATION

The City of Del Rey Oaks City Council

Hereby Honoring Filipino – American History Month

Whereas, on October 18, 1587, more than a century before the Mayflower crossed the Atlantic Ocean, the first "Luzones Indios," as Filipinos were known in those days, arrived in Morro Bay, California after sailing across the Pacific Ocean as sailors on Spanish galleons; and

Whereas, between 1906 and 1935, the first large wave of Filipino immigration to the United States began, as Filipinos were recruited to work in the agricultural industries, canneries, and on sugarcane plantations; and

Whereas,   during World War II, approximately 200,000 Filipino soldiers, including thousands from California, fought under United States command to preserve the liberty of our country and win back the liberty of the Philippines; and

Whereas, between 1941 and 1959, a second wave of Filipino immigration began, as nurses, students, fiancées of World War II military personnel, veterans, and many Filipinos who had served in the United States Navy settled in Navy towns, including Alameda, where they created flourishing Filipino American communities; and

Whereas, in 1965, the third wave of Filipino immigration began after enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act abolished "national origins" as the basis for immigration, allowing for much- needed Filipino medical professionals to come to the United States; and

Whereas, October was first recognized as Filipino American History Month in California in 2009. During this month, Del Rey Oaks recognizes the lasting and significant contributions of Filipino Americans to our city and our nation, as educators and artists, politicians and laborers, veterans and judges. Every day, Filipino Americans continue to enrich our cultural, economic, intellectual, social, spiritual, and political lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Alison Kerr, Mayor of the City of Del Rey Oaks, do herby proclaim October as Filipino-American History Month.

Signed this 25th day of September, 2022

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Alison Kerr, Mayor