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Meeting Date
Sept 1, 2015



<b>ADD-ON</b> AGENDA	
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Item No.	<b>I D</b>

**AGENDA REPORT**  
*BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*

SUBJECT:		Resolution: Proclaiming Filipino American History Month						
DEPT/OFFICE:		Commissioner Robin Fisher District 1 County Commissioner						
Requested Action:								
Resolution proclaiming October 2015 as Filipino American History Month in Brevard County								
Summary Explanation & Background:								
Staff Contact: Holly Woolsey, Legislative Aide, District 1: 321-264-6750								
Clerk to the Board instruction:								
Exhibits Attached:								
Contract /Agreement (If attached):		Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Manager		Deputy County Manager			Department Director / Extension			
Stockton Whitten		Assistant County Manager						



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September 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Robin Fisher, District 1                      Attn: Holly Carver

RE: Item I.D., Resolution Proclaiming October 2015 Filipino American History Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 1, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-141, to proclaim October 2015 as Filipino American History Month in Brevard County. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

*WHEREAS, the Filipino American community is the second largest Asian American group in the United States, in the State of Florida, as well as in Brevard County; and*

*WHEREAS, over 260,000 Filipinos who served in the United States Military during World War II were stripped of their military benefits when the U.S. Congress passed the Rescission Act of 1946; and*

*WHEREAS, on June 11<sup>th</sup> this year, the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project joined members of the U.S. Congress to announce the introduction of identical bills in the House HR2737 and in the Senate S155 to award the Congressional Gold medal to Filipino World War II Veterans; and*

*WHEREAS, starting in 1922 communities across the United States, with the leadership of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS), have set aside the month of October to acknowledge the 405<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the October 18, 1587 Presence of Filipinos in the Continental United States at Morro Bay, California; and*

*WHEREAS, a FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH was first proclaimed by the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress of the U.S. in November 2009 with House Resolution 780, in concurrence with Senate Resolution 298, to wit; "Resolved (1) recognizes the celebration of FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH 2009 as a study of the advancement of Filipino Americans as a time of reflection and remembrance and as a time to renew efforts towards the research and examination of history and culture in order to provide an opportunity for all people in the United States to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contribution to the Nation; and (2) urges the people of the United States to observe FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH 2009 with appropriate programs and activities"; and*

*WHEREAS, Florida's Space Coast Filipino American Charitable and Educational Foundation Inc. (Florida's SFACEF Inc.) hosted 2015 Ilang-ilang Gala with the sub-theme, Filipino American World War II Soldiers Recognition Project as its Month commemoration will be held on October 3, 2015, at Eau Gallie Civic Center, in Melbourne; and this event is with the support of FAABCO, Space Coast Pinoys, Filipino Ministry of the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Melbourne, Vismindaluz Association of Central Florida, Ministry of Filipinos at Ascension Catholic Church in Melbourne, and the Council of Filipino American Organizations (CFAO) of Central Florida,*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby unanimously recognize the month of October 2015 as**

**FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

*in Brevard County.*

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2015.**

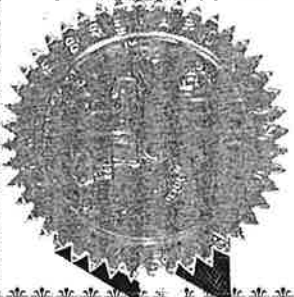
ATTEST:

*Scott Ellis*

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ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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Scott Ellis, Clerk

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Robin Fisher, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners