

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2009
6:30 PM
Boardroom
5100 Business Center Drive
Fairfield, California**

2010 Solano County Teacher of the Year

A reception honoring candidates for the 2010 Solano County Teacher of the Year Award will be held at 5:15 PM in the first floor conference center of the Solano County Office of Education. The County Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools will recognize the nominees for their professional success.

The 2010 Solano County Teacher of the Year will be announced.

Following the award program, the County Board of Education will convene its regular meeting in the boardroom at 6:30 PM.

AGENDA

The Solano County Office of Education does not discriminate against persons with disabilities and is an accessible facility. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting and require assistance in order to participate should contact the Administrative Services Manager at (707) 399-4402 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. Language translation services and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters will be provided with a minimum notice of three business days prior to the meeting.

Non-confidential materials related to an item on this agenda that were submitted to the Board after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection during normal business hours in the County Superintendent of Schools' office, 2nd floor, 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield.

Members of the public wishing to address any item listed on the agenda must submit a Request to Speak form to the Secretary of the Board (Superintendent) before the Board considers the specific item. Request to Speak forms are available on the table at the meeting room entrance. Please see the Comments from the Community section below for addressing items not listed on the agenda.

Posting or distribution of banners, leaflets, handouts, or other media or communications, which serve to promote or discourage specific points of view, are prohibited inside the meeting room.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. ROLL CALL

John Galvan, President
Larry Asera, Vice President
Mayrene Bates
Doug Ford
Maria Kennedy
Raymond Silva
Rozzana Verder-Aliga
Dee Alarcón, Secretary

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

All matters listed under the Consent Items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar. (Roll Call Vote)

(a) Approval and Adoption of Minutes

Action: Consider approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on July 30, regular meeting on August 12, and two special meetings on August 25, 2009.

(b) 2009-10 Budget Revision

SCOE Budget Revision 2 is presented for Board approval. This revision to the County School Service Fund adjusts revenues and expenditures for categorical programs and County Office of Education Programs. Attachment A

Action: Consider adopting the 2009-10 Budget Revision 2.

(c) California School Bus Safety Awareness Month

October has been declared California School Bus Safety Awareness Month in recognition of the importance of school bus safety. Proposed Resolution No. B09-10-05 is attached for the Board's consideration. Attachment B

Action: Consider adopting Resolution No. B09-10-05.

(d) Red Ribbon Week

The California Department of Education has proclaimed October 23-31 of each year as Red Ribbon Week. The campaign creates positive peer pressure by encouraging alcohol-, tobacco-, and drug-free choices. Proposed Resolution No. B09-10-06 is attached for the Board's consideration. Attachment C

Action: Consider adopting Resolution No. B09-10-06.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Mental Health Services Act Grant Update

Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, will give an update on the progress of MHSA grant-funded activities.

(b) Academic Achievement of Solano County's Public School Students

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson will report on the state of academic achievement of Solano County's public school students.

(c) Human Resources Report/Public Disclosure

Jay Speck, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, will be joined by representatives of SCOE's three bargaining units to present the joint interest-based proposals of the bargaining units and SCOE management for 2009-10 contract negotiations. Mr. Speck will also report on routine personnel matters.

(d) Financial Report

Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, will present the financial report for September 2009-10 and talk about the disposal of obsolete equipment.

(e) Temporary Certificates

Temporary certificates approved by the County Superintendent are listed on Attachment D.

(f) Meetings/Special Dates

October 14, 2009 (Wednesday)

- Solano County Teacher of the Year Reception, 5:15 PM, SCOE
- Solano County Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM, SCOE

October 15, 2009 (Thursday)

- First 100 Days & Beyond community connection event, 5:30 PM, Solano Community College, Student Center Cafeteria, Room 1405b, Fairfield campus (*RSVP to scc-rsvp@solano.edu*)

October 17, 2009 (Saturday)

- Gomer School Reunion, 11:00 AM, Gomer Historical School (*RSVP deadline was October 9*)

October 22, 2009 (Thursday)

- Solano County Mayors' Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities Employer Recognition Awards, 2:00 PM, Hampton Inn & Suites, 800 Mason Street, Vacaville (*RSVP deadline was October 9*)

October 26, 2009 (Monday)

- Fairmont Charter Elementary School Grand Opening, 1:30 PM, 1355 Marshall Road, Vacaville

October 29, 2009 (Thursday)

- Solano EDC Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield (*RSVP to Monica Ross, 399-4403 or mross@solanocoe.net, by October 16*)

November 1, 2009 (Sunday)

- Daylight Saving Time ends – Set clocks back one hour!

November 3, 2009 (Tuesday)

- Election Day – Remember to VOTE!

November 11, 2009 (Wednesday)

- Veterans' Day Observed – SCOE Offices Closed

November 25-27, 2009 (Wednesday – Friday)

- Thanksgiving Holidays – SCOE Offices Closed

December 3, 2009 (Thursday)

- 14th Annual Spirit of Solano Awards Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Delta Breeze Club, Travis Air Force Base (*RSVP to Monica Ross, 399-4403 or mross@solanocoe.net, by October 16*)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

(a) National Filipino American History Month

October has been established as Filipino American History Month to commemorate the permanent settlement of Filipinos in the continental United States and focus on the

economic, cultural, and social contributions made by Filipino Americans toward the development of our nation's history. Proposed Resolution No. B09-10-07 is attached for the Board's consideration. Attachment E

Action: Consider adopting Resolution No. B09-10-07.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

The County Board of Education is aware of the importance of providing an opportunity for community members to address the Board regarding matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. The president of the Board will recognize those who wish to speak and have submitted a Request to Speak form to the Secretary of the Board (Superintendent) before the first speaker is called. Request to Speak forms are available on the table at the meeting room entrance. Speakers are requested to identify themselves by name.

IX. BOARD DISCUSSION

(a) Board Program Visits

The Board members may give a brief report on their recent activities including visits to any of SCOE's program sites.

(b) Suggestions on future Board agenda items

X. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments: (A) Budget Revision 2
(B) Resolution No. B09-10-05
(C) Resolution No. B09-10-06
(D) Temporary Certificates
(E) Resolution No. B09-10-07

GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND			Certificated Salaries	Classified Salaries	Employee Benefits	Books and Supplies	Other Operating	Sites, Bldgs, Equipment	Other Outgo	Fund Balance
Program	Resource	Revenue	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	Difference
Unrestricted (local revenue; budget from designated reserve-Intern/Educational Services; adj alloc-Intern)	0000	40,301				7,500	72,772		29	(40,000)
ROP (local)	0635	4,300				3,890			410	
Title I, Part A - Basic (c/o)	3010	16,725				4,500	10,633		1,592	
Title I, Part A - Neglected (c/o)	3010	4,253		1,202	3,236		(590)		405	
State Improvement Grant	3372	18,500				3,500	9,357		5,643	
Technical Assistance Funds - Safe & Drug Free Schools (adj alloc.; c/o)	3715	705					638		67	
Title II, Teacher Quality (c/o)	4035	2,852				1,000	1,580		272	
Title II, Education Technology (c/o)	4045	104				94			10	
Limited English Proficiency (c/o)	4203	3,551					3,551			
ARRA T2 (Transition Partnership Project/Workability II)	4811	122,046	12,257	41,366	19,547	20,259	17,000		11,617	
Education of Homeless Children (c/o)	5630	2,574				2,329			245	
Medi-Cal (c/o)	5640						23,880		1,194	(25,074)
ELAP (English Lang. Acquisition) (adj alloc)	6286	(295)				(267)			(28)	
Special Ed (Tier III CY & reserve)	6500	(81,949)		(62,832)	(15,215)		2,634		(3,790)	(2,746)
SELPA NPA/NPS Pool	6504	600,000					600,000			
SELPA Initiative Fund (c/o)	6506					15,000	32,619		2,381	(50,000)
SELPA Legal Pool (local)	6507	10,000					10,000			
Technical Assistance Funds TUPE (Tobacco Use Prevention & Educ.) (adj alloc; c/o)	6680	5,873		3,327	1,111		876		559	
Foster Youth Services (adj alloc & c/o)	7366	(20,420)		(18,749)	(7,788)		8,061		(1,944)	
Fiscal Solvency Plan Review	7386	1,500					1,357		143	
Friday Night Live Mentor - not funded	9050	(26,977)		(17,220)	(6,880)	(270)	(2,607)			
Youth Development (partial c/o & adj)	9070	38,342		27,384	6,376		932		3,650	
SOLNET (Solano County Narcotic Enforcement Team) - Bullying	9080	15,000				1,000	12,572		1,428	
SAIT (School Assistance & Intervention Team) c/o	9220	4,593				2,000	2,156		437	
Intern Local (c/o)	9240	32,394				11,000	18,311		3,083	
SELPA Personnel Develop Consort (local)	9260	85,564				20,000	61,727		3,837	
SELPA Medi-Cal Admin Account (local)	9280	460,960					439,720		21,240	
TC McDaniel Misc Donations (c/o & local)	9380	3,866				3,866				
CISC (Curriculum & Instruction Steering Committee) c/o	9480	1,312				1,100	212			
Special Ed Tier III (c/o & CY)	9660	142,558				135,703			6,855	
Total		1,488,232	12,257	(25,522)	387	232,204	1,327,391		59,335	(117,820)

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B09-10-05
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, each day there are approximately 440,000 public school buses on the roads transporting over half of the nation’s 50 million K-12 students, with about one million of these children being transported to and from school and to school-related activities by school buses in California; and

WHEREAS, each year school bus drivers log over 4 billion miles behind the wheel and provide over 10 billion rides for our nation’s children making these vehicles the largest form of public transit in the United States, yet they boast the best safety record of any other form of transportation: 172 times safer than the family automobile, 8 times safer than railroad passenger trains, 4 times safer than transit or intercity buses, and 8 times safer than scheduled airlines; and

WHEREAS, school buses travel every day on urban and rural roadways and are subjected to countless obstacles posing potential danger to passengers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires 6 additional safety features be built into every school bus which are not found on any other public or private vehicle; and

WHEREAS, it is important that school buses are maintained to ensure the safety of the children, drivers, and others on the road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Education supports the California Association of School Transportation Officials (CASTO) in recognizing October as California School Bus Safety Awareness Month, and October 19-23, 2009, as National School Bus Safety Week, with this year’s theme “Cross in View, it’s the Right Thing to Do,” encouraging all citizens to promote the safety of our school buses and the precious riders, current and future generations of students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2009, by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

CERTIFICATION

I, Dee Alarcón, secretary to the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the above stated date, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Secretary's Signature

Date

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B09-10-06
RED RIBBON WEEK**

WHEREAS, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use has reached staggering proportions in California and throughout the United States, and the abuse of these substances creates immense societal costs and prevents millions of people from reaching their full potential at school, on the job, and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that 19.5 million Americans age 12 or older currently use illicit drugs, 14 million Americans are alcoholics or abusers of alcohol, and 71 million Americans use tobacco products, making the prevention and treatment a national priority in order to improve the well-being of our nation and protect our people; and

WHEREAS, the rate of abuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by our nation's youth is cause for alarm, as research indicates that youth who avoid the early use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are less likely to engage in other harmful behaviors that are dangerous and harmful to both their health and future such as crime, delinquency, and the use of other illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to reduce the cycle of youth addiction and the crime it causes is to reduce demand beginning with the active participation of families, schools, and community organizations in visible prevention education efforts and outreach programs that clearly communicate to children the dangers inherent in tobacco use, and drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Office of Education is committed to abolishing the destructive impact that substance abuse has had on our homes, schools, workplaces, and economy and is dedicated to an alcohol-, tobacco-, and drug-free lifestyle through activities of the Youth Development and Prevention Education Services Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Education does hereby support the California Department of Education in declaring October 23–31 as Red Ribbon Week with this year's theme "*Dream, Believe, Achieve, Succeed*" denoting how nurturing the development of competencies or protective factors such as caring relationships, high expectations, and meaningful participation at home, school, in the community, and with peers can increase a young person's capacity to make healthy choices every day, and encourages all citizens to participate in this prevention campaign, making a visible statement that we are firmly committed to an alcohol-, tobacco-, and drug-free county.

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TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Giaconda Zevallos	Vallejo	Child Development Assistant
Amy Morris	Vallejo	Multiple Subject
Bella Martinez	Solano College	Child Development Associate Teacher
Brandon Adcock	Vallejo	Single Subject/Science: Biological/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Gary Ballard	Vacaville	Emergency Substitute Permit
Lucy Datu	Vallejo	Single Subject/Science: Physics
Katherine Henries	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Donald Hille	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
James Coffin	Vallejo	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate/Short- Term Staff Permit
Betsy Kopp	Vallejo	Emergency Substitute Permit
Rex Pettigrew, Jr.	Vallejo	CLAD Certificate
Mary Poeck	Vallejo	CLAD Certificate
Noor Rizwana	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Kasey Hannah	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Kimberly Shupe	Dixon	Supplementary Authorization: Intro Math
Jonathan Burke	Vacaville	Single Subject/Health/Limited Assignment
Jonathan Cole	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Joshua Ramos	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Diana Williams	Vallejo	Emergency Substitute Permit
Timothy O'Neal	Vallejo	Emergency Substitute Permit
Daniel Landeros	Vacaville	Emergency Substitute Permit
Yvonne Sanchez	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Thomas Baxter	Fairfield-Suisun	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Linda Borrello	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Coletha Browning	Fairfield-Suisun	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Mark Gerald Castro	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Anthony Farina	Fairfield-Suisun	Designated Subjects/Career Tech Ed/ Full-Time/Building Trades & Construction
Tamera Gedvilas	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Ruth Hamilton	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency Substitute Permit
Lorraine Hern	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Lisa Linehan	Fairfield-Suisun	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Eric Miller	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Art
Kai Neevel	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Maria Gonzalez	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Spanish (Exchange Credential)
Phillip Jenschke	Fairfield-Suisun	Designated Subjects/Career Tech Ed/ Full-Time/Engineering & Design
Windermere Tirados	Vallejo	Emergency Substitute Permit
Deborah Koss	Travis	Emergency Substitute Permit
Andrea Painter	Vacaville	Single Subject/Health/Limited Assignment
Gricelda Rodriguez	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Paul Rogers	MIT Academy	Single Subject/Foundation-Level Math
Erin Riley	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD

Temporary Certificates (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Michael Vercoe	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Brenna Izatt	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Walter Hunt	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Erin Miller	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Tracey Johnson	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Science: Physics/Intern
Melissa Strain	Fairfield-Suisun	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate/Intern
Betty Carter	Vallejo	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Twila Jackson	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Science: Biological/Intern
Peter Trosell	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Tiffany Jansen	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Robert Mitchell	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Cheryl Olson	Benicia	CLAD Certificate
Jason Ona	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Math/Short-Term Staff Permit
Rebecca Pawloski	Fairfield-Suisun	Speech Language Pathology Services
Julie Reece	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Robert Baclig	Vacaville	Designated Subjects/Driver Ed/Waiver
Justin Basse	Vacaville	Designated Subjects/Driver Ed/Waiver
Benjamin Dally	Vacaville	Single Subject/Business/Limited Assignment
Darlene Perez	SCOE	Administrative Services
Noel Roy Agustin	Vallejo	Single Subject/Filipino/Limited Assignment
Judit Sawangwan	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Michelle Stewart	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Stephanie Schiff	Benicia	CLAD Certificate
Joan Wildasin	Benicia	Single Subject/Math
Ryan Viernes	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Kerry Williams	Benicia	CLAD Certificate
Jose Aponte	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Cristina Naval	Vallejo	Emergency BCLAD: Filipino
David Plump	Vallejo	Emergency Substitute Permit
Ariel Aseron	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Anthony Ramos	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Amy Herzog	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
LaKeitha Bradshaw-Macias	Fairfield-Suisun	Designated Subjects/Career Tech Ed/ Full-Time/Nursing; Medical Office Services
Jamilah Whiteside	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Social Science
Katherine Bradd	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Christian Stoll	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Deborah Nolan	Fairfield-Suisun	Resource Specialist Certificate of Competence
Matthew Gariss	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Foundation-Level Math
Mark Strom	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Patrick Nodine	Fairfield-Suisun	Supplementary Authorization: Computer Concepts & Applications
John Anderson	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Billie Mahoni	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency Substitute Permit

Temporary County Certificates Issued September 2009

District	<i>Full Credential/ Auth.</i>	<i>Intern Cred.</i>	<i>Prov. Intern Permit</i>	<i>Short- Term Staff Permit</i>	<i>Emergency Permit</i>	<i>Waiver</i>	<i>Emergency Sub</i>	<i>Child Dev. Permit</i>
Benicia	4							
SCOE	2							
Dixon	1						4	
Fairfield- Suisun	16	3		4	9	1	2	
Travis							1	
Vacaville	5					2	2	
Vallejo	5			2	11	1	5	1
MIT Academy	1							
Private/ NPS								
Solano College								1
Solano County								
Totals	34	3		6	20	4	14	2

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

RESOLUTION NO. B09-10-07
FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, October 18, 2009, marks the 422nd anniversary of the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the Continental United States according to author Lorraine Jacobs Crouchett in her book, *Filipinos in California* (1982), annotating John Walton Caughey in his book, *California* (1953), and that definitive dates of written landings on the shores of California have been recorded with the earliest in 1587 according to Crouchett, annotating H.R. Wagner's *Unamuno's Voyage to California in 1587*; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 246th anniversary of the permanent settlement of Filipinos in the Continental United States setting into motion a national observance in order to focus on the story of our nation's past from a new perspective by concentrating on the critical economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions made in countless ways by Filipino Americans toward the development of United States history; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2008 Data Profile, the number of Filipino Americans has increased 0.5% in the past year with Filipino Americans making up the largest Asian group in Solano County (approximately 10.4% of the total population), second largest in California (approx. 3.2% of total), and third largest in the Nation (approx. 0.8% of total), some of whom have played vital roles in forming our Nation such as Antonio Miranda Rodriguez Poblador who helped establish the city of Los Angeles in 1781; Pedro Flores, father of the American yo-yo (1928); Agapito Flores who invented the fluorescent light in the early 1940s; Victoria Manalo Draves, the first woman in Olympic history to win 2 gold medals in diving on the U.S. team (1948); Eduardo San Juan who designed the Lunar Rover or "moon buggy" used by the Apollo astronauts to explore the moon; Christopher Cabaldon, Mayor of West Sacramento; Benjamin Cayetano, former Governor of Hawaii; Rear Admiral (Ret.) Eleanor Connie Mariano, M.D., former White House Medical Unit Director and senior physician to George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush; Cristeta Comerford, the first woman and first minority to hold the post of Executive Chef for the White House; Precious Lara Quigaman who won the pageant title of Miss International 2005; and Angela Perez Baraguio, former Miss Hawaii 2000 who became Miss America in 2001 and whose parents are both public school teachers as is she; and Olympic swimmer Natalie Coughlin, daughter of a Vallejo police officer and a product of Vallejo City's schools, who won 5 Olympic medals in the 2004 games in Greece, and 6 Olympic medals in the 2008 games in Beijing, China, making history as the first U.S. female swimmer to win six medals at a single Olympics and the first woman ever to win a 100-meter backstroke gold in two consecutive Olympics; and

WHEREAS, this year also celebrates the 103rd anniversary of the Sekada signifying the first wave of Filipino farm workers to arrive in America, some of whom settled in the Suisun Valley, sent their children to Gomer School, and were an integral part of Solano County's agricultural history; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Solano County have recognized the contributions of Filipino Americans and promoted them into leadership positions some of which include the first Filipino American in California history to be elected to the City Council of Vallejo (1973) and to the Solano County Board of Supervisors (1976) (Larry Asera); Filipino Americans have served as Mayor of Suisun City (Pete Sanchez) and on the City Council of Vallejo (Cris Villanueva, Pete Rey, Hermie Sunga), and have been elected to the governing boards of local school districts in the Vallejo City USD (Dr. Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Oggee Villanueva), Fairfield-Suisun USD (Abe Bautista), Solano Community College (Rev. Dr. A.C. "Tony" Ubalde, Jr.), and the Solano County Board of Education (Larry Asera, Dr. Rozzana Verder-Aliga); Belle Orpilla, former Field

Representative for California Senator Wes Chesbro; and in 2009, the Filipina Women’s Network, a nonprofit association for women of Philippine ancestry aimed at advancing Filipina women in the U.S. workplace through programs and activities that enhance public perceptions of Filipina women’s capacities to lead, change biases, build the Filipina community’s pipeline of qualified leaders, and increase the odds that some will rise to the top position in all sectors, selected and honored Dr. Rozzana Verder-Aliga as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Woman in the U.S. due to her accomplishments in the Policymakers & Visionaries award category; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have comprised a large workforce sector at Mare Island Naval Shipyard and Travis Air Force Base and contributed to the military, defense economy, and history of Solano County as well as laboring as some of the early farm workers in the Suisun Valley, thus, contributing to the agricultural economy of our county; and

WHEREAS, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, so mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the role of Filipino Americans and those of other minorities have been largely underrated in the writing, teaching, and learning of United States history; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Filipino American youths to have positive role models and to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the values of their legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Education supports the Trustees of the Filipino American National Historical Society in proclaiming October as Filipino American History Month and its annual and national observance throughout the United States and its territories as a significant time to study the advancement of Filipino Americans in the history of the United States; as a favorable time of celebration, remembrance, reflection, and motivation; and as a relevant time to renew more efforts towards research, examination, and promulgation of Filipino American history and culture in order to provide an opportunity for all Americans to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to our Nation, these United States of America.

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ABSENT: _____

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Secretary's Signature Date