

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300611

ADOPTED ON JUN 27 2005

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islanders are the fastest growing population in the United States and Filipinos are the second largest among the Asian and Pacific Islanders population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, California is the state with the largest population of Filipinos; and

WHEREAS, there are 2,933 students in California taking Filipino as a World or Foreign language in their schools; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater, San Diego Unified, and Poway are the three school districts in San Diego County that offer Filipino language courses; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Unified has a combined enrollment of 1,725 middle and high school students enrolled in Filipino language courses and a total of 6,275 Filipino American students enrolled in San Diego schools; and

WHEREAS, in a recent San Diego Filipino Language Survey of 406 students, 100% of them responded that learning the Filipino language was important to (1) their cultural growth, (2) family communication, and/or (3) global cultural understanding and tolerance; and

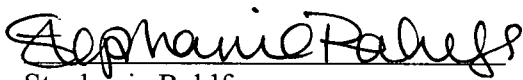
WHEREAS, currently, there is no California Subject Examination for Teachers in Filipino, nor is there an adequate number of college courses in the Filipino language, culture, or history and therefore, there is no realistic way in which teachers can be deemed "Highly Qualified" to teach Filipino language courses; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American Educators of San Diego County's goal is to foster individual and community involvement in the field of education through knowledge, leadership, and service; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby honor, commend, and thank the Filipino American Educators Association of San Diego for their commitment to improving the quality of life for all Filipino Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 25, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"FILIPINO AMERICAN EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY DAY"** in the City of San Diego

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