

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society has recognized October as Filipino American Heritage Month since 1988, and, in California and Hawaii, where a large number of Filipino Americans reside, Filipino American Heritage Month is widely celebrated in these states, and many Filipino American organizations in these states often initiate their own independent celebrations; and

WHEREAS, San Leandro has enjoyed the rich culture of its large Filipino American community for generations, and San Leandro has long been the home of one of the largest Penafrancia Festivals outside of the Republic of the Philippines, with Filipino Americans coming from all over California and the western United States to participate in the festival; and

WHEREAS, the City and community of San Leandro are honored to have established a Sister City affiliation with the City of Naga in the Republic of the Philippines in 1989, thanks in great part to the involvement and support of San Leandro's Filipino community, and this Sister City affiliation with the City of Naga has resulted in a number of benevolent endeavors on the part of both of our communities, along with a warm history of cultural exchanges between San Leandro and the City of Naga; and

WHEREAS, San Leandro is proudly one of the most diverse communities in California and celebrates the fact that Filipino American residents are part of that diversity, and San Leandro's Filipino American residents contribute tremendously to the welfare of our City as homeowners, volunteers, taxpayers, employees, and business owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen H. Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as "**FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**" in San Leandro.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 17th day of October 2011.




Mayor
City of San Leandro, California