

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American Association of Sonoma State University (FAASSU)'s mission is to create a group that initially catered to students of Filipino descent and now includes students from diverse ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds sharing in the exploration and appreciation of history, heritage and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, we value the fact that FAASSU provides an environment where everyone feels welcome and comfortable socializing, learning about Filipino history, traditions and what it means to be Filipino-American; and

**WHEREAS**, the preservation, history and culture is shared with all by offering a variety of social, cultural and political events; and


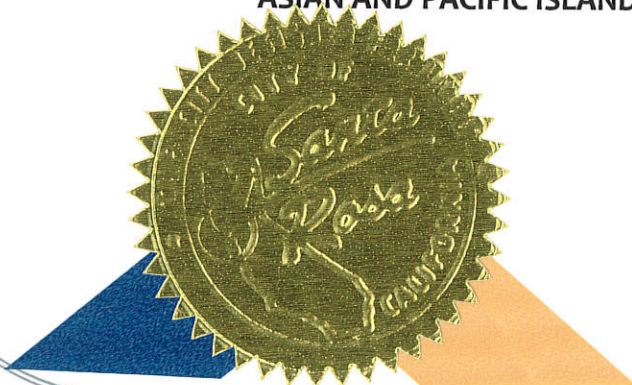
**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the effort to promote diversity and inclusion by including members from Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Hmong, German, Mexican, and African American backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, we particularly acknowledge the incredible "bayanihan" (community spirit) FAASSU has brought to this community by specifically including many cultures into the organization through the art of music and dance, choreographing and participating in over ten different cultural dances originating from the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Tahiti and New Zealand; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Rosa is proud of its skilled, talented, and dedicated workforce, including the Filipino American Community who serve in a wide variety of jobs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize the Filipino American Association of Sonoma State University and proclaim the month of May as

### ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



Mayor John Sawyer  
May 17, 2016