



A Resolution Honoring the Mabuhay Collective, Samahang Pilipino, the Pilipinx Community and the Recognition of Pilipinx American History Month

WHEREAS, The Filipino American Historical National Society (FAHNS) declared October as national Pilipinx American history month in 1991.¹

WHEREAS, In 2009, the United States Congress recognized October as Pilipinx American History Month in the United States.²

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino (SP) was founded in February 1972 to create a space and collective for Pilipinx and Pilipinx-American students at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), to provide a community space for Pilipinx students, while serving the Pilipinx community within UCLA and beyond through advocacy work regarding access, retention, and culture.

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino established Pilipino American Project for Education and Retention (PAPER), now known as Samahang Pilipino Education and Retention (SPEAR) in 1989 as a response to the decline of Pilipinx student retention rates after the exclusion of Pilipinx and Pilipinx Americans from Affirmative Action policies in 1986.

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino Education and Retention is one of the five student-run, student-initiated projects within the Student Retention Center (SRC). In which this entity strives to breakdown retention barriers for the Pilipinx community with a vision that it will reach 100% retention of the Pilipinx community at UCLA by providing spaces for students to explore and understand their identity, build community investment, and develop academic and professional empowerment to advance their self-agency in a critically conscious and supportive community at UCLA.

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino further responded to the decline in admissions of the Pilipinx community through the formation of the Third World Coalition in 1980-1981 along with other member organizations: Asian Coalition, Black Students Alliance, MEChA, and FSA to fight for student admissions to the university.

¹ <http://fanhs-national.org/filam/resolution/>

² <http://fanhs-national.org/filam/about/>

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino established Samahang Pilipino Culture Night (SPCN) in 1977 which promotes and develops historical and cultural awareness through performing arts and community involvement, while providing a space for Pilipinx students to explore their identity as an individual and collective through shared experiences.

WHEREAS, in October 1994 Samahang Pilipino for the first time celebrated Pilipinx American History Month with a month-long series of activities, forums, events, and presentations as part of FAHN's declaration of October as national Pilipinx American History Month and continues to recognize the month of October till this present moment.

WHEREAS, Samahang Pilipino established one of the seven student-run and student-initiated access projects called Samahang Pilipino Advancing Community Empowerment (SPACE) in the Spring 2000 at UCLA due to the low numbers of Pilipinx students at UCLA. This entity goal is to engage with students, parents and key stakeholders of underserved communities and communities of color that promotes access to higher education through academic, professional, and cultural investment.³

WHEREAS, in 1995 Kabalikat Kore was officially founded by Mark Ng to create a space for queer Pilipinx American college student and in 1999 hosted the First Annual Queer Pilipina/o Conference at UCLA. Recently, Kabalikat Kore became Samahang Pilipino's sexuality and gender component at UCLA that offers a safe and empowering space for ally and queer identified people, while also advocating the community.

WHEREAS, the Southern California Pilipinx-American Student Alliance (SCPASA) was formalized as a coalition in 1981-1982 with the support of Samahang Pilipino's Constitution.

WHEREAS, in 2009 Samahang Pilipino pioneered the push for a creation of the Pilipino studies minor, in which the Asian American studies department approved the proposal for the minor in 2019. Further giving Pilipinx students the opportunity to learn about their heritage in higher education curricula, and is the first implemented Pilipino studies minor for the University of California.⁴

WHEREAS, the Mabuhay Collective was created in the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 2009 as a coalition of 14 Pilipinx-based organizations at UCLA dedicated to supporting and providing visibility to the Pilipinx organizations on campus and the larger Pilipinx and Pilipinx-American community.⁵

³ <https://cpo.ucla.edu/sioc/samahang-pilipino-advancing-community-empowerment/>

⁴ <https://asianam.ucla.edu/undergraduate-study/pilipino-studies-minor/>

⁵ <https://mabuhaycollective.weebly.com/>

WHEREAS, the Mabuhay Collective is a coalition of the following Pilipinx-based organizations on campus: Anakbayan at UCLA, Kabalikat Kore, Kappa Psi Epsilon, Pilipino Recruitment & Enrichment Program, Pilipino Transfer Student Partnership, Pilipinos for Community Health, Pilipinos in Engineering & Science, Pilipinx Pre-Law Pipeline, Samahang Modern, Samahang Pilipino, Samahang Pilipino Advancing Community Empowerment, Samahang Pilipino Cultural Night, Samahang Pilipino Education and Retention, and Tinig Choral.

WHEREAS, Anakbayan at UCLA (ABUCLA) was founded on November 30, 2018 as an overseas chapter of a youth and students national democratic organization in the Philippines, that it may mobilize Filipinos and allies, in which youth, student, and student workers fight for national democracy, in order to establish a genuinely free Philippines. In which ABUCLA aims to collaborate, campaign, and educate in order to further understand and improve the conditions of the Philippines and its people.

WHEREAS, Kappa Psi Epsilon (KPE) was established at UCLA in 2005 as a Pilipinx-Interest sorority. KPE is focused on the enrichment of each member's life, through knowledge of Pilipinx and Pilipinx-American culture history by studying and analyzing Pilipinx culture from the past, present, and future in order to discover internal strength within each member.

WHEREAS, the Pilipino Recruitment & Enrichment Program (PREP) was established in 1979, originally called Pilipino Tutorial Project and began partnership with a non-profit organization called Search to Involve Pilipino Americans.

WHEREAS, PREP at UCLA aims to serve as a first-year pipeline into the greater Pilipinx Community at UCLA, providing a space where new students are easily able to explore the resources available and foster new friendships amongst themselves. PREP has three main projects/entities that consist of: (1) SITE (tutoring Pilipinx identifying youth in Historic FilipinoTown, (2) Day in a Life (DIAL, a high school conference for juniors and seniors filled with workshops to apply to college), and (3) Kababayan Pilipinx Weekend for Admits (KaPWA, overnight experience for admitted Pilipinx students to learn about resources at UCLA and to build community).

WHEREAS, Pilipino Transfer Student Partnership (PTSP) was founded as an independent UCLA student organization in 1997 aimed to holistically develop Pilipinx identifying transfer students and allies by actively addressing transfer issues and fostering transfer empowerment across all spaces within their time at UCLA and beyond.

WHEREAS, Pilipinos for Community Health (PCH) established in 1989 at UCLA to empower underserved and under-resourced communities in the Greater Los Angeles area and the Philippines by providing free culturally relevant health education and services. While also

addressing health inequities prominent in the Pilipinx and Pilipinx American communities as well as other underserved minority communities.

WHEREAS, PCH consists of three main components of (1) Community Outreach, (2) Preventive Health, and (3) Pre-Health Advising and Mentorship, PCH strives to improve overall community health and awareness and cultivate a culture of socially-informed students and/or future healthcare professionals.

WHEREAS, The Pilipinos in Engineering (PIE) society is a UCLA campus organization established in 1993 with the goal of giving fellow UCLA engineering students the resources and help that they needed to elevate their situation here on campus and reach success upon graduation.

WHEREAS, PIE formally changed to Pilipinos in Engineering and Sciences (PIES) in 2016 to expand to serve Pilipinos in STEM who are limited in the present resources to face the individualistic, highly competitive environment around engineering and the sciences.

WHEREAS, the Pilipinx Pre-Law Pipeline (3P) established in 2019 with the vision to combat the inequalities within the legal field and to highlight the importance of increasing Pilipinx representation in the legal profession. 3P connects members to the greater legal community through the pillars of educational access, professional empowerment, community building, facilitated by networking events, and a mentorship program in partnership with the Philippine American Bar Association.

WHEREAS, Samahang Modern was founded in 1986 as the Jazz portion of Samahang Pilipino Cultural Night (SPCN), it was the first suite to feature modern dances, and later had an emphasis on hip hop when it started to become a prevalent scene in 1998. In 2002, Samahang Modern split off from SPCN and became an independent competitive dance team while still participating as a modern component in SPCN. Currently, Samahang Modern is UCLA's Pilipinx-initiated competitive dance team.

WHEREAS, Tinig Choral is a Pilipinx-American a cappella group founded in 1988 that strives to provide a space of musical expression for students of all levels of talent while integrating Pilipinx culture.

WHEREAS, the Mabuhay Collective and Samahang Pilipino collectives has been integral in advocating for the Pilipinx narrative and cultural diversity of the UCLA community through consistent support and advocacy when it comes to offering safe spaces for individuals to express

and learn their cultural identity, and the advancement of access, retention, and culture at UCLA and outside of UCLA.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council recognizes the importance of all entities in Samahang Pilipino and the Mabuhay Collective as integral spaces whom provide safe spaces for Pilipinx and Pilipinx American students to advocate, express their identities, and support their community and those around them.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council acknowledges the importance of maintaining Samahang Pilipino Education and Retention, and Samahang Pilipino Advancing Community Empowerment, as well as all projects housed under the Student Initiated Outreach Center and Campus Retention Committee, as it is essential to the access and retention of underserved communities.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council recognizes the history and present day contributions, advocacy, and leadership from the Pilipinx and Pilipinx American community at UCLA.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council and the UCLA administration officially recognizes and honors October as Pilipinx American History Month, acknowledging the role Samahang Pilipino and the Mabuhay Collective in the experience for Pilipinx students at UCLA, while honoring the stories of Pilipinx and Pilipinx Americans within and outside of the UCLA campus community.