



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** The American and Filipino people have had a special relationship since 1898, when Spain ceded the Philippines to the United States in the Treaty of Paris; the Philippines was part of the U.S. until 1946; Filipino soldiers fought beside the U.S. soldiers against the Japanese during World War II; and today Filipino and U.S. soldiers conduct joint exercises periodically as part of a strong military alliance; and
- WHEREAS:** 2021 is the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the United States on July 4, 1946; and
- WHEREAS:** Filipino immigrants have come to the U.S. since 1906, first to the sugarcane plantations in Hawaii, then the fish canneries in Alaska, then the vegetable fields and fruit orchards in California; and
- WHEREAS:** Filipinos have come to Georgia since the late 1960s, serving as nurses, doctors, medical technologists, engineers, teachers, accountants, lawyers, and members of other professions, contributing to Georgia's diverse economy and culture, raising families, and participating in their local communities religious, cultural and social life; and
- WHEREAS:** On June 12, Filipinos worldwide celebrate the 123rd Anniversary of Philippine Independence, and Filipinos in Georgia come together in Atlanta to remember and honor that historic occasion and celebrate their Filipino heritage; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2021 as PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF