



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** On June 12, 1898, the declaration of Philippine Independence was proclaimed by Emilio Aguinaldo in the Province of Kawit, Cavite, asserting sovereignty and the end of colonial rule of Spain. The Philippines was ceded by Spain to the U.S. following the Spanish-American War; and
- WHEREAS:** During World War II, more than 260,000 Filipino and Filipino-American soldiers answered the call to action and bravely served and sacrificed under the American flag. The Filipino Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act unanimously passed through Congress and was signed into law in 2016; and
- WHEREAS:** U.S.-Philippine relations share a strong historical and cultural connection, with diplomatic ties dating back to July 4, 1946. Since then, the two allies have enjoyed a prosperous relationship; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to more than 47,406 Filipino Americans who greatly contribute to the multifaceted fabric of our society through their service in the Armed Forces, skills and expertise as medical and healthcare professionals, scientists, entrepreneurs, accountants, educators, lawyers, and their participation in public offices, civic affairs, the economy, and community life; and
- WHEREAS:** On June 12, 2022, Filipinos around the globe commemorate the anniversary of Philippine Independence, and in Georgia, the Filipino Community represented by the Kalayaan Atlanta Committee and in coordination with Makabayan Georgia Inc. and the Philippine Honorary Consulate General in Atlanta, will host its 15th annual flagship event, where Filipino-Americans and allies come together to celebrate their rich heritage and tradition through a series of special events featuring their history, food, dance, art, and much more; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2022, 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 1st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



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GOVERNOR

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