



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS: Filipino Americans make up one of the largest Asian American ethnic groups in the United States today, with a vibrant population that dates back to the earliest documented settlement on October 18, 1587, when mariners called "Luzones indios" under Spanish command landed in Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS: During World War II, more than 260,000 Filipinos and Filipino American soldiers answered to the call to action and bravely served and sacrificed under the American flag. The Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act unanimously passed through Congress and was signed into law in December of 2016; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is home to more than 50,110 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, economy, and the community life; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, ethnicity in creating eminent role models, establishing proud cultural identities, and producing exceptional citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS: The contributions of Filipino American have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness that America continues to enjoy today, and the customs and traditions of Filipino Americans are respected and celebrated as part of the rich history of our state and nation; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF