



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Filipino Americans comprise one of the largest Asian American ethnic groups in the nation, with a vibrant history 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 solders answered the call to service and bravely served and sacrificed under the American flag. The Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act passed unanimously through Congress and was signed into law in December of 2016; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia is home to an estimated 53,000 Filipino Americans whose contributions have enriched the state’s economic, educational, healthcare, military, civic, and cultural life through their civic participation; and
- WHEREAS:** It is essential to instill in our youth an understanding of the importance of heritage in fostering distinguished role models and nurturing exceptional citizens of this nation; and
- WHEREAS:** The contributions of Filipino Americans have enriched the freedom, prosperity, and greatness that America enjoys today, and the customs and traditions of the Filipino American community are honored as vital 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 2026, 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 6th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF