



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** June 12th, 2026, stands as a powerful symbol of the Filipino people's enduring quest for freedom, reflecting courage, resilience, and a deep sense of national pride that continues to resonate across generations; and
- WHEREAS:** The Filipino American community in Georgia represents vibrant tapestry of cultures and traditions rooted in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao – collectively known as LUZVIMINDA, a unifying term that reflects the three main island groups of the Philippines and symbolizes national unity; and
- WHEREAS:** The celebration of Philippine Independence Day serves as a meaningful occasion to honor the contributions of Filipino Americans who strengthen Georgia's communities through leadership, service, and professional excellence across any fields; and
- WHEREAS:** Guided by the enduring spirit of bayanihan, the Filipino community continues to foster unity, mutual support, and a commitment to uplifting others, contributing to the cultural richness and diversity of the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The longstanding relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines reflects shared values of democracy, freedom, and cooperation, strengthened through history and continuing partnership; and
- WHEREAS:** The spirit of LUZVIMINDA, uniting Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, serves as a lasting reminder that strength lies in unity, diversity, and a shared commitment to community; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2026, 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 6th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF