



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; and
- WHEREAS:** The earliest documented evidence of Filipinos in the continental United States occurred in October 18, 1587 when mariners called "Luzones indios" under Spanish command landed in Morro Bay, California; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of October is an appropriate time to promote and reflect on Philippine history and culture to provide all Americans with the opportunity to learn about and appreciate the contributions of Filipino Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** The contributions of Filipino Americans have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness that America continues to enjoy today; 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 of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act unanimously passed through Congress and was signed into law in December of 2016; and
- WHEREAS:** It is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, and ethnicity in creating eminent role models, establishing proud cultural identities, and producing exceptional citizens of this nation; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 2019 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*T. K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF