



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** On June 12, 2019, Filipinos worldwide celebrate the anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence; and
- WHEREAS:** In the State of Georgia, Filipinos gather on this day to remember and honor the momentous occasion; and
- WHEREAS:** The United States and the Philippines have had a close relationship since 1898 when the Philippines was ceded to the United States by Spain per the Treaty of Paris. The Philippines was part of the United States until 1945 and served as a valuable ally during World War II; and
- WHEREAS:** For over one hundred years, Filipino immigrants have enriched our nation's culture and economy. Today, Filipinos comprise all levels of professional life, including serving as doctors, nurses, teachers, and engineers; and
- WHEREAS:** Since the late 1960s, Georgians have greatly benefited from the Filipino community whose members contribute to the diverse culture and economy of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia is fortunate to have Filipinos among its citizens and joins the Filipino community in celebrating this milestone in their heritage; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2019 as PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY in Georgia and convey my best regards to all Georgians of Filipino heritage.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF