

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the Filipino American community throughout the state and the Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago will celebrate Filipino History month throughout October with various events and activities; and,*

*WHEREAS, the month of October celebrates the culture, traditions, history, and accomplishments of Filipino Americans in the United States and the many ways they enrich the fabric and foundation of our state and nation; and,*

*WHEREAS, the earliest documented Filipino presence in the continental United States was on October 18, 1587, when the Spanish galleon the Nuestra Señora de Buena Esperanza, under the command of Captain Pedro de Unamuno, dropped anchor in Morro Bay, California, and the landing party explored the coast; and,*

*WHEREAS, the first settlement of Filipinos - referred to as Manilamen - was in 1765 in Southern Louisiana, and the Manilamen comprised the start of the many contributions Filipino Americans have made toward the advancement of the United States in several fields in the arts and culture, sciences, medicine, education, law, technology, and in many other areas of human endeavor; and,*

*WHEREAS, Filipino Americans uphold the founding principles of Illinois, and our state is proud to recognize the leadership and contributions of Filipino Americans throughout our history as they inspire the next generation of American innovation by example;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as **Filipino American History Month** in Illinois.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this TWENTY-SIXTH day of SEPTEMBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and FOURTH.*



*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the City of Chicago has always been home to vibrant communities of diverse people hailing from all over the world boasting distinct cultural heritages; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is home to a proud and vibrant Filipino American community that has bolstered the city in the realms of art and music, business and finance, law and government, education and social service, and science and medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of Philippines in Chicago serves as the official representation of the government of the Philippines in the City of Chicago and throughout the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Consulate and the Filipino American Community will commemorate the passing of Senate Resolution 298 by the United States Senate on October 1, 2009, as well as the passing of House Resolution 780 by the United States House of Representatives on November 2, 2009 recognizing the month of October as Filipino American History Month; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month will be commemorated throughout Chicago with flag raisings, celebrations, and special events:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October 2022 to be FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the many contributions of Filipino Americans.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2022.

Handwritten signature of Lori E. Lightfoot in blue ink.  
Mayor

# Proclamation

## Filipino American History Month October 2022

**WHEREAS**, the earliest documented Filipino presence in the continental United States was October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" arrived in Morro Bay, California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes 1763 as the year in which the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was established in St. Malo, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American community is the third-largest Asian-American and Pacific Islander group in the United States, numbering approximately 4,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, Filipinos and Filipino Americans have a longstanding history of serving in the United States Armed Forces;

**WHEREAS**, more than 250,000 Filipinos fought under the United States flag during World War II to protect and defend the United States and the Philippines in the Pacific theater; and

**WHEREAS**, 20,000 Filipino World War II veterans were granted United States citizenship as a result of the Immigration Act of 1990, which was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on November 29, 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans continue to demonstrate a commendable sense of patriotism and honor and play an integral role in the health care system of the United States as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals; and

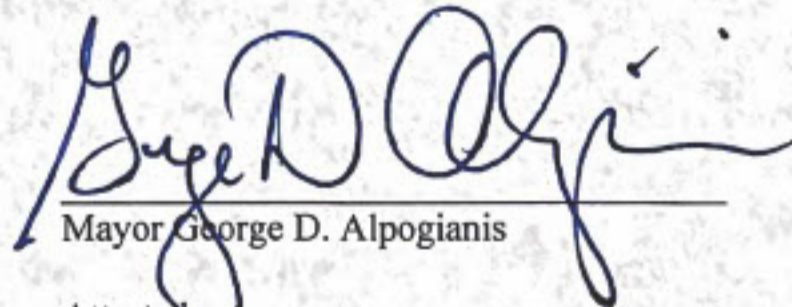
**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to music, dance, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, the fine arts, and other fields that enrich the landscape of the United States; and

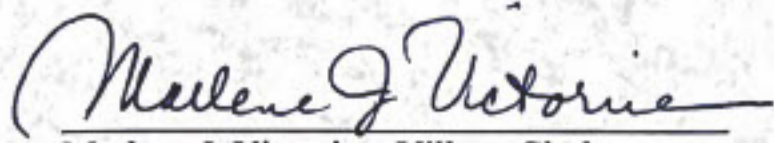
**WHEREAS**, it is essential to promote the understanding, education, and appreciation of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mayor George D. Alpogianis and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Niles, do hereby proclaim **October 2022** as **Filipino American History Month** and encourage residents to celebrate the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to the United States.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



  
Mayor George D. Alpogianis  
Attested:

  
Marlene J. Victorine, Village Clerk



# Proclamation

## FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH OCTOBER 2022

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the United States Congress proclaimed the month of October as **FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**, and in 2011 in recognition of the contributions Filipino Americans have made to the State of Illinois, the Governor issued a Proclamation declaring October as Filipino American History Month in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the earliest documented Filipino presence in the continental United States was on October 18, 1587 in Morrow Bay California, via the Spanish galleon ship *Nuestra Senora de Esperanza*; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans are now the second most populous Asian group in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans are well known for serving in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces as early as the War of 1812, in the U.S. Civil War, in World Wars I & II, and in all the other subsequent U.S. Wars up to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Bolingbrook's vibrant Filipino American community has strengthened the cultural fabric and demographic landscape of our village and in 2008 the Village of Bolingbrook proudly entered into a relationship with **San Pablo City in the Philippines as its Sister City**; and

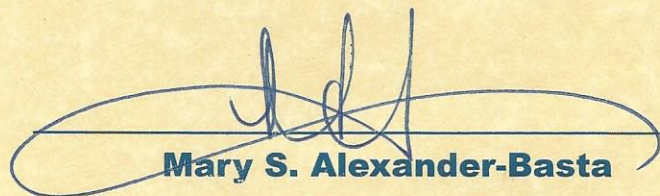
**WHEREAS**, the celebration of the Filipino American History Month in October provides an opportunity to celebrate the heritage and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to business and technology, science and medicine, and education and arts to the growth prosperity and overall development of our Village and Country; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mary Alexander-Basta, Mayor of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bolingbrook, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as **FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH** in Bolingbrook, and celebrate and promote the history, culture and contributions Filipino Americans have made to our Village and to our nation, and urge all residents to join in celebrating Filipino Americans who call Bolingbrook home.

**Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Village of Bolingbrook**

this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022



  
**Mary S. Alexander-Basta**