



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL AND FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN THE MIDWEST TO CELEBRATE FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN OCTOBER 2020

Chicago, 30 September 2020- The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago, in cooperation with Filipino community organizations in the Midwest, will lead in the celebration of Filipino American History Month in October 2020.

The theme for the 2020 Filipino American History Month, *The History of Filipino American Activism*, highlights the myriad ways Filipino Americans have participated in social justice movements, including but not limited to, the United Farmworkers Movement, the fight for Ethnic Studies, Hawaii Sugar Plantation strikes, Washington Yakima strikes, and Philippine Anti-Martial law protests in the 70's and 80's culminating the EDSA People Power Revolution in 1986 in the Philippines. The Filipino-American community, through the leadership of the Filipino American National Historical Society, honors the history of Filipino American solidarity with other communities in their fight for equity and justice, including the Black Lives Matter Movement, American Indian Movement, Civil Rights and Voting Rights, Women's Rights, LGBTQ Rights, and Environmental Justice. This year, we also recognize the advocacy of our Filipino American healthcare workers who are actively protecting and fighting for our lives everyday amidst this global pandemic.

Post invites Filipinos in the Midwest to actively participate and support the celebration of the Filipino American History Month this October with the theme "*The History of Filipino American Activism*".

Attached are the Proclamation letter from Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot of Chicago, Mayor George Van Dusen of Skokie and the schedule of events and activities. **END**

**Chicago, 30 September 2020**



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since the earliest days of civilization, the people of the Philippines have contributed to our global culture and community, and Filipino Americans are now the second most populous Asian group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for generations, the United States of America has been fortified by the talents and efforts of its diverse residents of Filipino descent; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's vibrant Filipino American community has undoubtedly strengthened the cultural fabric and demographic landscape of our city; and

WHEREAS, the greater Filipino American community's enduring contributions to business and technology, science and medicine, and education and the arts adds to the growth, prosperity and overall development of our city as an international hub and world-class destination; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988 to commemorate the arrival of the first Filipinos who landed in what is now Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587; and

WHEREAS, October has been designated as Filipino American History Month to celebrate and promote the history, culture, and contributions of Filipino Americans in Chicago and around the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October 2020 to be FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN CHICAGO, and encourage all residents to acknowledge the enduring legacy and ongoing impact of the Filipino American community, and join with them in celebrating this month.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2020.

  
Mayor

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the continental United States was the date of October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" set foot in Morro Bay, California, on board the Manila-built galleon ship Nuestra Señora de Buena Esperanza; and*

*WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes the year of 1763 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Malso Parrish, Louisiana, which set in motion the focus on the story of our Nation's past from a new perspective, by concentrating on the economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of the history of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, the Filipino American community is the second largest Asian American group in the United States, with a population of approximately 3,400,000 people. Filipino Americans are an integral part of the United States healthcare system as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals; and*

*WHEREAS, Filipino American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history serving within the Armed Services of the United States, from the Civil War to the present Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including the 250,000 Filipinos who fought under the United States flag during World War II, to protect and defend this country; and*

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

*WHEREAS, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, as mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of the United States history; and*

*WHEREAS, it is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the value of their legacy.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE VAN DUSEN, Mayor of the Village of Skokie, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as,**

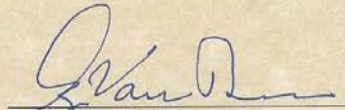
## **"FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH"**

*in the Village of Skokie, and do hereby urge the people of the Skokie to observe Filipino American History Month with appropriate programs and activities.*

*Passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020*



Pramod C. Shah  
Village Clerk

  
George Van Dusen  
Mayor



# FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

## October 2020

### FAHM planned events in 2020

All times are in Central Standard Time (in the United States)

**Oct 1, Thursday to Oct 31, Saturday** – 2nd [Filipino Restaurant Week in Chicago](#). The event will run for the whole month of October. In celebration of the FAHM, the International Society of Filipinos in Finance and Accounting (ISFFA) and the Philippine Consulate of Chicago (PCG) invite you to support Filipino owned restaurants by limited dining in or take-out orders of Filipino food. Contact Jan Paul Ferrer [jpcferrer@me.com](mailto:jpcferrer@me.com), Paula Arnedo: [paula.f.arnedo@gmail.com](mailto:paula.f.arnedo@gmail.com).

**Oct 1 Thursday to October 31 Saturday** – Virtual Exhibits of Filipino artifacts, photographs and objects plus paintings and art works made by Filipino artists. Contact Laurence Anthonie Tumpag [wantin1014@yahoo.com](mailto:wantin1014@yahoo.com)

**Oct 2, Friday at 4pm to 5pm** – [2020 FAHM Celebration Kickoff](#). A welcome address from the Consul General Gina Jamoralin. Tito Ruben and Consul General will give awards to outstanding Filipino Americans and organizations who have been active participants and supporters of Filipino American activism in order to inspire and foster our civic responsibility in the Filipino American community. The FAHM proclamations from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago will be read. Sponsor – Philippine Consulate General in Chicago and the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago. Contact Noly Dulay [cultural.chicagopcg@gmail.com](mailto:cultural.chicagopcg@gmail.com) and Tito Ruben [tito.rubens@gmail.com](mailto:tito.rubens@gmail.com).

**Oct 3, Saturday at 7:30pm** – US Premiere screening of award-winning [movie EDWARD at the Davis Drive-In Theater](#) (to ensure safe social distancing) in Chicago. Presented by Asian Pop-Up Cinema (Sophia's Choice) in cooperation with FYLPRO, the screening is a fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting the Filipino Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO), a 501 C3 NFP of high performing, next-generation leaders that have a passion for advancing the Philippines and the Filipino people. Tickets are at \$150 per car, with a max of 6 per Chicago reopening guidelines. Limited slots for 30 cars only. Everyone is encouraged to treat our Frontliners to EDWARD the movie! For tickets, trailer, drive-in FAQ and other info, go to [www.asianpopupcinema.org/edward100320](http://www.asianpopupcinema.org/edward100320). Contact Lakhi Siap [Lakhi@chicagoasiannetwork.com](mailto:Lakhi@chicagoasiannetwork.com) or call 708-528-6321 – [Filipino Young Leaders Program \(FYLPRO\)](#).

**Oct 8 Thursday at 7pm** – Watch Filipino health care worker and singer/artist Emil Nicolasin sings the National Anthem at the Chicago Bears Game sponsored by Advocate Hospitals.

**Oct 9 Friday** – [#FilipinoAmerican](#) film “Yellow Rose” — starring Eva Noblezada, Princess Punzalan and Lea Salonga — will be released in theaters on Oct. 9. Filipina American filmmaker Diane Paragas’ “Yellow Rose” tells a spellbinding story about an undocumented Filipina teenager Rose (Tony-nominated actress and singer Eva Noblezada) who fights to achieve her dream of becoming a country music star.

**Oct 10 Saturday at 10 a.m.** – [“Songs of Peace and Justice](#) - a children’s virtual music experience rooted in teaching our children songs that are rooted in our struggle for justice. This experience is suited for preschool aged children and their families but all are welcome to join us on Zoom for FAHM with the Filipino American National Historical Society of Chicago, Greater Chicago Chapter. Contact Clarissa Aljentera. To attend, Please register here <https://forms.gle/hZFihfaTTdX2enu9> and a link for Zoom will be sent before the event .

**Oct 14 Wednesday at 12 Noon** – [Lunchtime Chat 1 – Stories of Filipino Activism and Heroism](#). This week’s topic is the history of activism in the Midwest and the organizing that went into domestic workers rights. In celebration of the FAHM, AFIRE, CIRCA Pintig and the Filipino American National Historical Society of Chicago Greater Chicago Chapter invite you to the weekly virtual podcast on Zoom every Wednesday at lunch time for three weeks. 10/14-10/28. Part of CIRCA Pintig’s Raising Voices: Stories from the Homefront virtual storytelling series, for more information visit: [www.circapintig.org](http://www.circapintig.org). Contact Ginger Leopoldo [gingerleopoldo@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerleopoldo@yahoo.com) and Kristina Tendilla [ktendilla@afirechicago.org](mailto:ktendilla@afirechicago.org)

**Oct 21 Wednesday at 12 Noon – [Lunchtime Chat 2 – Stories of Filipino Activism and Heroism](#).** This week's topic is to discuss and invite folks who are in the fight for ethnic studies with Dr. Anna Guevarra, Founding Director of Global Asian Studies at the University of Illinois Chicago. Part of CIRCA Pintig's Raising Voices: Stories from the Homefront virtual storytelling series, for more information visit: [www.circapintig.org](http://www.circapintig.org). Contact Ginger Leopoldo [gingerleopoldo@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerleopoldo@yahoo.com).

**Oct 24 Saturday at 3pm – [Open MIC featuring Youth Voices](#).** In celebration of the FAHM, the CIRCA Pintig and the Filipino American National Historical Society of Chicago Greater Chicago Chapter, and PACF invite high school and college students to showcase their songs, poems, spoken words, music, visual art and other artistic talents following the theme of History of Filipino American of Activism. For more information about competition details, visit: [www.circapintig.org](http://www.circapintig.org). Contact Ginger Leopoldo [gingerleopoldo@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerleopoldo@yahoo.com).

**Oct 25 Sunday at 2pm – Honoring the Filipino American Pioneers** – the Philippine American Foundation will host a virtual event to honor and present awards to some of the Filipino American pioneers who have displayed outstanding service to the community. Contact Adeline Fajardo at [adeline.pacf96@gmail.com](mailto:adeline.pacf96@gmail.com) and Evelyn Natividad at [ivynatividad9@gmail.com](mailto:ivynatividad9@gmail.com).

**Oct 26 Monday at 7:30pm – Community Advocacy and Cultural Representation in Food** - Discussion highlights - historical rise of advocating for cultural representation in food; cultural appropriation and community education and action; various reactions and response to Barkada wine bar in Washington DC. Contact Geri Aglipay [gs.aglipay@gmail.com](mailto:gs.aglipay@gmail.com).

**Oct 28 Wednesday at 12 Noon – [Lunchtime Chat 3 – Stories of Filipino Activism and Heroism](#).** This week's topic is the activism and the sharing of stories by the health care and essential workers during the pandemic. Guest panelists include Terrence Yee, former President of Illinois Nurses Association and Bryan Rancho, Child Nurse Consultant at Public Health DHS Illinois. In celebration of the FAHM, AFIRE, CIRCA Pintig and the Filipino American National Historical Society of Chicago Greater Chicago Chapter invite you to the weekly virtual podcast on Zoom every Wednesday at lunch time for three weeks. 10/14-10/28. Part of CIRCA Pintig's Raising Voices: Stories from the Homefront virtual storytelling series, for more information visit: [www.circapintig.org](http://www.circapintig.org). Contact Ginger Leopoldo [gingerleopoldo@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerleopoldo@yahoo.com).

**Oct 29 Thursday at 7:00pm – “*Pulong ng Bayan*” – An Update on Co-Curation** – A town hall virtual meeting discussion on the co-curation project of the Field Museum in partnership with the Filipino community. Contact Jamie Kelly [jkelly@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:jkelly@fieldmuseum.org) and Tito Ruben [tito.rubens@gmail.com](mailto:tito.rubens@gmail.com)

**Oct 30, Friday at 7pm– FAHM Closing Celebration and Lingua Franca Netflix Party**, Movie Producer Jhett Tolentino, the Filipino Grammy and Oscar Award winner will be joining us in the discussion before and after the movie. Lingua Franca is a film that chronicles the struggles of an undocumented Filipina transwoman who tries to stay in the United States to get herself a green card. Sponsored by the Midwest Pilipino American Coalition (MPAC) and Filipino Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO). Contact Louella Cabalona at 708-528-6321 or [louella.cabalona@fyipro.org](mailto:louella.cabalona@fyipro.org) and Everett Icao at [icaoe93@gmail.com](mailto:icaoe93@gmail.com).