



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Filipino Americans make up one of the largest, Asian American groups in the United States, and more than ten thousand Filipinos and Filipino Americans reside in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The earliest documented evidence of Filipinos in North America occurred on October 18, 1587, when mariners under Spanish command, called "Luzones indios," landed in Morro Bay, California; and

WHEREAS: The Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988, and every October communities throughout the United States and its territories have celebrated this occasion, not only to commemorate the anniversary of the presence of the first Filipinos in North America and to celebrate Filipino heritage, but also to recognize the social, intellectual, and economic contributions of Filipinos and Filipino Americans in this country; and

WHEREAS: This is an appropriate time to promote and reflect on Philippine history and culture and provide all Americans with the opportunity to learn and appreciate Filipino Americans and their historic and social contributions to the United States; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, and ethnicity in creating role models; establishing a proud cultural identity; and producing exceptional citizens of this nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013, as:

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 25th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE