



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Filipino Americans make up one of the largest Asian American ethnic groups in the United States, with over ten thousand Filipinos and Filipino Americans residing in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The earliest documented evidence of Filipinos in the continental United States occurred on October 18, 1587, when mariners under Spanish command called "Luzones indios" landed in Morro Bay, California, as published by Lorraine Jacobs Crouchett in her book, *Filipinos in California*; and

WHEREAS: The Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988 and every October, several 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 on United States soil and to observe its 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 to provide all Americans with the opportunity to learn and appreciate Filipino Americans and their historic and social contribution 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; in establishing a proud cultural identity; and in producing exceptional citizens of this nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2012 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 18th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE