

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has recognized the proud history of Filipino-Americans since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans are one of the largest Asian American and Pacific Islander ethnic populations in Washington State, and the second largest in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans contribute in the enrichment and the quality of life in our state and across the nation; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Filipino American History Month provides an opportunity to promote the study of Filipino American ethnicity and honor the contributions of Filipino Americans, especially their service with distinction in the United States military; and

**WHEREAS**, Washingtonians who have made a national contribution to American culture and society include Filipino Americans Carlos Bulosan, Roy Baldoz, Harry Bucsit, Jose Calugas, Fred and Dorothy Cordova, Pio DeCano Sr., Trinidad Rojo, Bob Santos, Delores Sibonga, Silvestre Tangalan, Bernie Reyes Whitebear, Velma Veloria, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State is the location of historic Filipino American communities, including Wapato, Seattle, Bainbridge Island, Tacoma, Auburn, Bremerton, Pateros, and others;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

### ***Filipino American History Month***

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

