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Governor Deval L. Patrick
Office of the Governor
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State House Boston MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick:

On behalf of the Philippine American Mainstream Advocacy For Nonpartisan Associations, Inc., I am humbled to request your honor to consider this letter as an appeal from the Filipino American community in proclaiming this month, October - the Filipino American History Month celebration.

Granting this request will make the 3rd year your office proclaims this significant recognition for Filipino American constituents of the state of Massachusetts. With that said, I wish and request that the proclamation document be available on or before October 1, 2014, in time for the organization and community's scheduled event - October 4, 2014.

Your favorable cognizance and consideration on this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Isabelo S. Solar
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A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- WHEREAS** On October 19th, 1907, the first recorded "licensee Indian" Filipino arrived in Morro Bay, California, on board the Manila-bound sailing ship *Agustin Senora de Esperanza*; and
- WHEREAS** The Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes 1700 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Louis, Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS** The Filipino-American community is the third largest Asian-American group in the United States, with a population of approximately 3.5 million individuals; and
- WHEREAS** Filipino-American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history of serving in the Armed Forces, from the Civil War to Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including the 200,000 Filipinos who fought under the United States flag during World War II to protect and defend the United States; and
- WHEREAS** Nine Filipino-Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS** Filipino-Americans have contributed greatly to the Commonwealth and play an integral role in the health care system, music, education, government, technology, sports, journalism and other fields; and
- WHEREAS** On this day we ask the residents of the Commonwealth to recognize the rich history of Filipinos and their many contributions to the vibrancy of the Commonwealth;
- Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 2013, to be:**

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observances.

Given at the Executive Chamber, in Boston, this seventeenth day of September, in the year two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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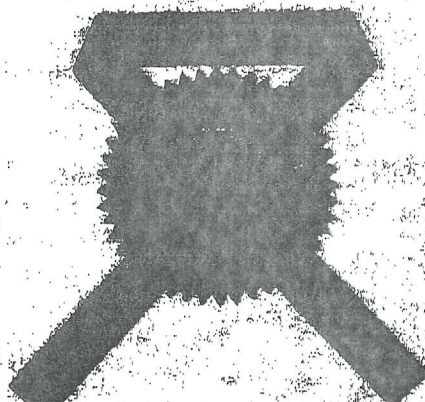
- WHEREAS** On October 18th, 1967, the first recorded "Success Union" Filipinos arrived in Morro Bay, California, on board the Manila-built galleon ship, *Nuestra Señora de Esperanza*; and
 - WHEREAS** The Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes 1768 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Malo, Louisiana; and
 - WHEREAS** The Filipino American community is the third largest Asian American group in the United States, with a population of approximately 3.5 million individuals; and
 - WHEREAS** Filipino American servicemen and women have a longstanding history of serving in the Armed Forces, from the Civil War to Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including the 200,000 Filipinos who fought under the United States flag during World War II to protect and defend the United States; and
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For Her: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts