



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, Filipino American History Month was established 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 21st day of October, 2020.


Mayor