



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society recognizes 1763 as the date of the first permanent settlement of Filipinos in the continental United States and has set in the motion a year-long national observance in order to focus on the story of our nation's past from a new perspective by concentrating on the critical economic, cultural, social and other notable contributions made by Filipino Americans in countless ways toward development of United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month and promoted its observance annually and nationally throughout the United States and its territories during the month of October, marking the anniversary of the presence of Filipinos in the continental United States as a significant time to study the advancement of Filipino Americans in the history of the United States, as a favorable time of celebration, remembrance, reflection and motivation, and as a relevant time to renew and increase efforts toward research, examination and promulgation of Filipino American history and culture in order to provide an opportunity for all Americans to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants from the Philippines and their families truly have enriched our nation through their work in agriculture, their service in the Armed Forces, their contributions of skills and expertise as engineers, scientists, accountants, teachers, lawyers, nurses, and doctors, and their participation in public offices, civic affairs and community activities; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans make up one of the largest Asian American ethnic groups in the United States today; and Filipino Americans have had a profound impact on Idaho's history, values and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American community in Idaho, especially the Treasure Valley, in an effort to celebrate their rich cultural heritage and to instill in the new generation a proud cultural identity and the values of their legacy, have designated October as Filipino American Heritage Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be

FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 29th day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twentieth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa".

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE