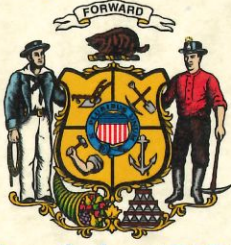


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; first established in 1992 by the Filipino American National History Society (FANHS) and formally recognized by the U.S. Congress in 2009, Filipino American History Month was created to recognize the countless contributions that Filipino Americans have made to the nation as one of the largest Asian American groups in the United States; and

*WHEREAS*; Filipino Americans have shaped American history for centuries, with records indicating that the first Filipino person arrived in the Americas aboard Spanish ships in 1587 and that the first permanent Filipino settlement was recorded in 1763 in St. Malo, Louisiana; and

*WHEREAS*; Filipinos and Filipino Americans have contributed mightily to the culture, economy, and history of the United States, playing an integral role in society as members of the armed services, medical professionals, educators, artists, athletes, and more; and

*WHEREAS*; according to FANHS, this year's observance recognizes several important milestones in Filipino American history, including the signing of the Treaty of Paris, allowing Filipino people access to the United States, and the end of the Philippine Revolution; and

*WHEREAS*; on this occasion, residents of Wisconsin and the nation are encouraged to seek opportunities to increase their understanding of Philippine and Filipino American history and work to prevent the erasure of Filipino American history nationwide; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Chapter of FANHS in recognizing Filipino Americans across Wisconsin and celebrating the rich and diverse history and culture they have brought and continue to bring to the state and country;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

## FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 29th day  
of September 2023.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State