WHEREAS; first established in 1992 by the Filipino American National Historical Society 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 greatly to the culture, economy, and history of the United States, including in Wisconsin, and play an integral role in society as members of the armed services, medical professionals, educators, community leaders, advocates, artists, athletes, and more; and

WHEREAS; in recognition of ongoing racism and violence aimed toward Asian and Filipino American communities, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its support for continuous efforts to confront violence, discrimination, racism, and hate in all its forms; 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 dedicated advocates and organizations 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 2026 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 5th day of October 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State