



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, October 2023 is the 436th anniversary of the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence on the shores of the west coast of the continental United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Oregon should be informed of the positive impact Filipino Americans have had on our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in Oregon, thousands of Filipino American have made contributions to the fields of teaching, business, government service, agriculture, ministry, medicine and other sciences, humanities, and the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models and instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and values of their legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, because the role of the Filipino Americans and those of other people have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of United States history; and

**WHEREAS**, this anniversary is a significant time to study the advancement of Filipino Americans – a time of celebration, remembrance, reflection, and motivation – and a relevant time for all of our citizens to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to our nation and to Oregon.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Joe Benetti, Mayor of Coos Bay do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

## Filipino - American History Month

and encourage all citizens to join in recognition of the positive impact Filipino Americans have had on our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 3rd day of October 2023.

  
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Joe Benetti, Mayor