Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the Filipino American community in West Virginia has made significant contributions to the cultural, social, and economic life of the state, enriching our society with their traditions, values, and dedication to civic life; and

Whereas, the Filipino American Festival celebrates the rich cultural heritage, customs, and history of the Filipino American community, highlighting their contributions to the arts, music, dance, and culinary traditions; and

Whereas, the festival, held on October 19, 2024, will provide an opportunity for all West Virginians to come together to learn about and experience the vibrant Filipino culture while fostering unity and understanding among all residents; and

Whereas, the Filipino American Festival will serve as a reminder of the importance of diversity and inclusion in the Mountain State, showcasing the strength and beauty that multiculturalism brings to our communities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 19, 2024* as:

Filipino American Festival Day in West Virginia

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Second year of the State.

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Jim Justice Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State