

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence on the shores of the West Coast of the United States was over 436 years ago; and

Whereas, thousands of Filipino Americans have made contributions to the fields of teaching, business, government service, agriculture, ministry, medicine, and other sciences; and

Whereas, it is important for the Filipino American youth to have positive role models and to instill in them the importance of education and how it uplifts this richness of their ethnicity and the values of their legacy; and

Whereas, efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, and the citizens of the Great State of West Virginia should be informed of the positive impact the Filipino Americans have had on our community; and

Whereas, *Filipino American History Month* is a significant time to study the advancement of Filipino Americans along with a time of celebration, remembrance, and reflection for all citizens to learn and appreciate their contributions to the Great State of West Virginia and our nation.

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

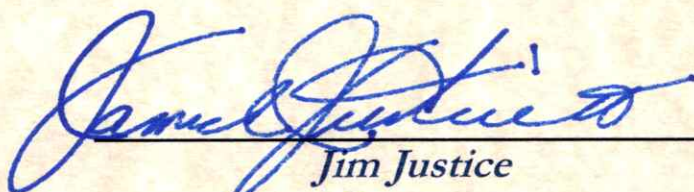
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

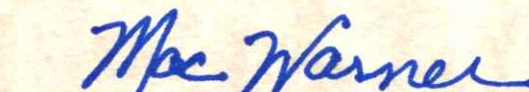
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State