

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 120840)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing October 2012 as Filipino American History Month in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, In 2009, the United States Congress recognized October 2011 and every October thereafter as Filipino American History Month to celebrate the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to the Nation; and

WHEREAS, In 1587, the first Filipinos set foot on what would be American soil at Moro Bay, California, as sailors on a Manila-built Spanish galleon as part of an exploratory mission; and

WHEREAS, In 1763, the first permanent Filipino American settlement was founded in St. Malo, Louisiana, by Filipino sailors who had served on Spanish galleons, becoming known as "Manilamen" and pioneering shrimp harvesting techniques; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have long been an integral and important part of the life and leadership of the City of Philadelphia through art and culture, politics and policy, science and technology, business and commerce, sports, medicine, religion, education, charitable works, and service and sacrifice alongside other Philadelphians in the Armed Services of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Our City has been greatly benefited by the contributions of the Filipino-American Community to the richly diverse tapestry of peoples that is Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is particularly special this year as the Filipino-American Association of Philadelphia celebrates its Centennial: 100 years of leadership, service, and contributions to the Filipino-American Community and the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of our ethnic origins, we Philadelphians all take pride in our City's Filipino heritage and history; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes October 2012 as Filipino American History Month in the City of Philadelphia.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented symbolically to the Filipino-American Association of Philadelphia, as evidence of the respect and admiration of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the eighteenth of October, 2012.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Oh and Quiñones Sánchez

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Oh, Quiñones Sánchez, O'Brien, Goode, Greenlee, Kenney, Henon, Johnson and Jones