



Proclamation

WHEREAS: October 2016 is the 429th 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: The Oregon Coast Filipino American Associations' contribution to the Coos Bay and North Bend community includes providing hospitality to Filipino immigrants and assistance for a smooth transition to their new home. Participate in events promoting Filipino culture to lessen ethnocultural tensions, discrimination and prejudice by working to develop harmonious relations with the community at large.

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, Crystal Shoji, MAYOR, of the City of Coos Bay, State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 2016 as

FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

In the City of Coos Bay, Oregon 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 seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 4th day of October 2016.


Crystal Shoji, Mayor

