

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 2016 is the four hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence on the shores of the west coast of the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, all Oregonians should be informed of the positive impact Filipino Americans have had on our communities; and

WHEREAS, in Oregon, thousands of Filipino Americans 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, it is through the study of Filipino American history and culture that we all can learn of their contribution and role in 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 our community to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to our nation and to Oregon.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Anna Peterson, Mayor, of the City of Salem, State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 2016

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

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



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Mayor