

Whereas

Whereas, Filipino American make up one of the largest ethnic groups in the United States with over twenty five thousand residing in the State of Oregon; and

Whereas, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month in 1988, communities throughout the United States and its territories have since celebrated Filipino American History Month every October not only to observe Filipino heritage, but to recognize the social, cultural, intellectual and economic contributions of Filipino Americans in this country and in Oregon; and

Whereas, in November 2009, the United States Congress passed the resolution (H. RES. 780) officially recognizing October as Filipino American History Month; and

Whereas, it is necessary to instill in our youth the importance of education, history, and ethnicity in creating role models; establishing a proud cultural identity; and producing exceptional citizens of this nation; and

Whereas, this is a time to reflect, honor, and learn about and appreciate the historic and continuing contributions of Filipino Americans to the State of Oregon; and

Whereas, to celebrate and honor Filipino American History Month, the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon will present the 2016 Oregon Philippines Historama at our State's capital of Salem Oregon on October 29, 2016.

Now, Therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October, 2016, to be

Filipino American History Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month.

Charlie Hales

