

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Proclamation: AP-2022-08-06
**AN ASSEMBLY PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE
FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

Short Title:	Filipino American History Month
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Presidential Signature:	

Whereas, the West Virginia University (WVU) Mission Statement reads, "... the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity..."; and,

Whereas, the WVU Student Government Association Vision Statement reads, "To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University,

and the State of West Virginia by; promoting inclusion, creating a campus that can accommodate everyone...”; and,

Whereas, the first documented immigration of Filipinos to the United States was on October 18th, 1587 in Morro Bay, California¹; and,

Whereas, since 1991, the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) has been celebrating Filipino American History Month during the month of October; and,

Whereas, Congress passed a resolution to nationally recognize October as Filipino American History Month in November 2009; and,

Whereas, Filipino Americans comprise the second-largest Asian American population in the United States; and,

Whereas, Morgantown is home to the largest population of Asian Americans and Filipino Americans in West Virginia; and,

Whereas, WVU Filipino Student Association Secretary, Michelle Carter, stated, “During this month, we celebrate our past, present, and future as Filipino-Americans by commemorating and sharing our Filipino History in the United States. We hope as a Filipino/Filipino-American Community to use this month as a way to share our history and also our heritage with everyone at West Virginia University.”; and,

Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The WVU Student Government Association recognizes and celebrates the month of October as Filipino American History Month.

Section 2: The WVU Student Government Association urges students, staff, and faculty to honor Filipino American History Month in October with appreciation and appropriate activities.

Section 3: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

Mandates:

¹ <http://fanhs-national.org/filam/about/>

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