
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the writings and
2 teachings of American history have often overlooked the role of
3 people of color, among them the history of Filipino-Americans,
4 whose heritage spans a colonial, political, economic, and
5 cultural relationship with the United States. The legislature
6 also finds that the earliest documented presence of Filipinos in
7 America was in 1587 in California and a settlement on the bayous
8 of Louisiana in 1763, when seamen, later called Manilamen,
9 jumped ship during the Spanish galleon trade era.

10 Subsequent waves of migration followed and today Filipino-
11 Americans continue to make a lasting impact on the history and
12 heritage of Hawaii and the United States. The legislature
13 further finds that there have also been critical economic,
14 cultural, social, and other notable contributions by Filipino-
15 Americans to the development of United States history. The
16 legislature further finds that the prominence of Hawaii's
17 Filipino and Filipino-American population warrants an official
18 commemoration of the history and heritage of Filipino-Americans.



1 The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of
2 October of each year as Filipino-American History Month and as a
3 period of commemoration that highlights the contributions of
4 Filipino-Americans to Hawaii and the United States.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
6 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
7 read as follows:

8 "§8- Filipino-American History Month. The month of
9 October shall be known and designated as Filipino-American
10 History Month in Hawaii. The month of October shall commemorate
11 the contributions of Filipino-Americans to the history and
12 heritage of Hawaii and the United States. This month is not and
13 shall not be construed as a state holiday."

14 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Designates the month of October as Filipino-American History Month to annually commemorate the contributions of Filipino-Americans to Hawaii and the United States.

