



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month (FAHM) in 1988, choosing October to commemorate the arrival of the first Filipinos who landed in what is now Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587; and

**WHEREAS**, with each new wave of immigrants the Filipino American community continues to grow and includes professional athletes, Olympic champions, stars of stage and screen, labor organizers, filmmakers, and entrepreneurs as well as members of the medical and engineering professions; and

**WHEREAS**, starting in 2011, the Philippine American Cultural Foundation (PACF) has organized a variety of events to celebrate FAHM every October and to promote the various events in celebration of FAHM; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans are now the second most populous Asian group in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, generations of Filipino Americans have lent their unique voices to the vibrant diversity of origins, cultures, and communities that make America what it is. Their legacy speaks to the extraordinary spirit of common purpose - of unity forged through the ideals that bind us together as people - that has always been central to our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans served their Country faithfully in the wars of the 20th century, and continue to protect America as servicemen and servicewomen around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government and the offices under the President employ the largest percentage of Asian Americans of any government in Illinois, with Filipino-Americans comprising a substantial portion of those employees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize October as Filipino American History Month and wish to celebrate the extraordinary ways Filipino Americans have contributed to our County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the Philippine American Cultural Foundation and the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago in recognition of their unwavering dedication to promote and celebrate Filipino American History Month.