

# Proclamation

## Filipino American History Month 2023 Observance

**WHEREAS**, October is designated Filipino American History Month to commemorate the arrival of Filipinos in America on October 18, 1587, landing in Moro Bay, off the coast of California as part of the Manila Galleon trade from Manila to Acapulco that began in 1565; and

**WHEREAS**, *Filipino American History Month* honors the history and experiences of Filipinos in the United States. In October, 2009, the US congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month. Various states, counties and cities have established proclamations and resolutions declaring observance of Filipino American History Month including the state of Georgia in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have made significant contributions in the areas of civil rights, education, politics, entertainment, the armed forces and in many other endeavors. The Filipino American community is the second largest Asian American group in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the numbers of Filipino Americans have been historically large on the west coast, there are growing communities of Filipino Americans in North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia. There are growing numbers of Filipinos in Hendersonville; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a rich Filipino American history that is being discovered. We encourage people to learn more about this growing community by visiting the website of the Filipino American National Historical Society at [www.fanhs-national.org](http://www.fanhs-national.org).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara G. Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina, proclaim that October be declared

### FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

**PROCLAIMED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor  
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Jill Murray, City Clerk