



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## A PROCLAMATION

### PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** On June 12, 2023, Filipinos worldwide will commemorate the 125th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence; and
- WHEREAS:** In Atlanta, the Filipino community, represented by the Kalayaan Atlanta Committee and in coordination with Makabayan Georgia, Inc. and the Philippine Honorary Consulate General, will host Filipino-Americans and supporters from around the state by celebrating the rich heritage and traditions of the Filipino nation; and
- WHEREAS:** This year's theme, "Nandito Na Tayo," or "We Are Here Now," affirms the presence and contributions of Filipinos to the diverse culture and economy of Georgia, and participation in the religious, cultural, and social lives of their local communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The United States and the Philippines have had a close relationship since 1898 when the Philippines was ceded to the United States by Spain in the Treaty of Paris. The Philippines was part of the United States until 1946 and served as a valuable ally during World War II in the fight against Japan; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, Filipinos represent all levels of professional life, including nurses, doctors, teachers, engineers, entrepreneurs, and public officials; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2023, as PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Brandon Kipertovich*

CHIEF OF STAFF