



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS:** On June 12, 2025, Filipinos worldwide will commemorate the 127th Anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence from Spanish colonial rule; and
- WHEREAS:** In Atlanta, Georgia, the Kalayaan Atlanta Committee in collaboration with Makabayan Georgia Inc., and the Philippine Honorary Consulate General, will host Filipino Americans and friends from around the State to celebrate the rich heritage, culture and traditions of the Filipino nation; and
- WHEREAS:** This year's theme, "Pagkakaisa" (Unity), affirms the Filipino spirit of community. Working together as a whole and in harmony, Filipinos are in solidarity in mutual support without expecting anything in return, while contributing to the diverse culture and economy of Georgia; 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 through the Treaty of Paris. The Philippines was a valuable ally during World War II, when more than 260,000 Filipinos and Filipino American soldiers bravely served under the American flag; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1964, June 12 was designated as the official Philippine Independence Day by the Philippine Congress; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, Filipinos represent all levels of professional life, including nurses, doctors, teachers, engineers, lawyers, entrepreneurs, civil servants and public officials; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2025, 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 24th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF