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**PROCLAMATION  
FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH  
October 2025**

- WHEREAS**, American Samoa is home to a proud and vibrant Filipino American community that has made significant contributions to the history, culture, and economy of the Territory of American Samoa and the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS**, subsequent waves of migration of Filipinos and familial ties nurtured through the years have made a lasting impact on the history and heritage of the Territory and the Nation; and
- WHEREAS**, the Filipino community in American Samoa has enriched our territory through their dedication to public service, education, healthcare, business, and faith while upholding the values of family, resilience, and *bayanihan* (community spirit); and
- WHEREAS**, the month of October is recognized across the United States and its Territories as Filipino-American History Month, commemorating the arrival of the first Filipinos in what is now the continental United States on October 18, 1587; and
- WHEREAS**, Filipino-American History Month provides an opportunity to honor the legacy of Filipino and Filipino-Americans, celebrate their heritage, highlighting their role in shaping our shared Indo-Pacific identity; and
- WHEREAS**, the inaugural celebration of the Filipino-American History Month in American Samoa coincides with the first visit of Mr. Arman R. Talbo, Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines, to the Territory; and
- WHEREAS**, the Filipino community in American Samoa will showcase the richness of Philippine culture and heritage during the Filipino-American History Month celebration on October 1, 2025; and
- WHEREAS**, the Territory of American Samoa stands in solidarity with the Filipino Community and recognizes their contributions as integral to the fabric of our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA**, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as Filipino American History Month in the Territory of American Samoa, and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the rich history, culture, and achievements of Filipinos and Filipino-Americans throughout our islands and across the nation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.



**PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA**  
Governor