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## 769-2021

Proclamation

### Proclaim October 2021 to be Filipino American History Month

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Whereas, October 2021 is the 434th anniversary of the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence on the shores of the west coast of the unceded land now referred to as the continental United States; and

Whereas, Filipinos make up one of the largest ethnic groups in the United States, with over 23,000 residing in the Portland Metro Region; and

Whereas, The people of Oregon should be informed of the positive impact Filipino Americans have had on our communities; and

Whereas, In Oregon, thousands of Filipino Americans have made contributions to the fields of teaching, business, government service, agriculture, ministry, medicine and other sciences, humanities and the United States Armed Forces; and

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Whereas, Across the country, Filipino American frontline workers in the healthcare industry have worked tirelessly during a pandemic, accounting for 4% of registered nurses nationwide, but 25% of nurses who died during this pandemic; and

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**Introduced by**

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**Date Prepared**

October 8, 2021

**Requested Agenda Type**

Time Certain

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### ***Filipino American History Month***

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## **Documents and Exhibits**

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## **Agenda Items**

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