

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Staff Report**

<b>MEETING DATE</b> October 4, 2016	<b>AGENDA ITEM NUMBER</b>
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors  
FROM: Jackie Mickelson, Executive Assistant  
THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager  
ISSUE: Filipino-American History Month Proclamation

**BACKGROUND:**

October 2016 is the 429<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence on the shores of the West Coast of the continental United States. Thousands of Filipino-American in Oregon have made contributions to fields of teaching, business, government service, agriculture, ministry, medicine and other sciences, humanities and the United States Armed Forces.

The Oregon Coast Filipino American Associations' contribution to the Coos Bay and North Bend community includes providing hospitality to Filipino immigrants and assistance for a smooth transition to their new home. Participate in events promoting Filipino culture to lessen ethno-cultural tensions, discrimination and prejudice by working to develop harmonious relations with the community at large.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

If it pleases the Council, consider approving the Filipino-American History Month Proclamation.

Attached: Additional Information  
Proclamation

The population of Coos County is 63, 163 (US Census Bureau 2015) 1.3% Asian and 0.3% Pacific Islander. There are about 500 Filipino Americans living the Coos Bay, North Bend area.

OcFAA activities and community events & contributions.

Annual Christmas fundraiser provides for the Scholarship Fund that help local high school graduates of Filipino American heritage with college tuition and expenses; also supports local non- profits: The Women's Safety and Resource Center acknowledges the OcFAA as "Ambassador" for its contributions. Provides THE (housing emergency) shelter, The local food bank and SMART programs financial support.

Provided hospitality and emergency assistance to Filipino immigrants in need.

Develop cultural programs to promote understanding of Filipino culture.

The cultural folk dance group participated in:

- Martin Luther King celebration at the North Bend Library.
- South Coast Hospice "Stargazer fundraiser" at the LTOB
- SOCC International Student Club show
- Caroling at Nursing homes and other residences.

Raised funds for typhoon and hurricane victims, both in New Orleans (Katrina) and Haiyan in the Philippines.

Cooperate and coordinate activities with the Council of Filipino American Associations of Oregon and SW Washington.

In celebration of the Filipino American History Month: October 2016

October 21 FANHS Symposium in Roseburg, OR, Commissioners Meeting Room, Roseburg Courthouse 2036 SE Douglas Ave. Focused on theme: 1946, A Turning point. 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary to commemorate notable events and pieces of legislation that transformed the lives of the Filipinos in the US and Philippines. Independence granted July 4, 1946. 70years ago.

October 29, HISTORAMA at the Historic Elsinore theatre in Salem 170 High St. SE



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** October 2016 is the 429<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence on the shores of the west coast of the continental United States; and

**WHEREAS:** The citizens of Oregon should be informed of the positive impact Filipino Americans have had on our communities; and

**WHEREAS:** In Oregon, thousands of Filipino American 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

**WHEREAS:** The Oregon Coast Filipino American Associations' contribution to the Coos Bay and North Bend community includes providing hospitality to Filipino immigrants and assistance for a smooth transition to their new home. Participate in events promoting Filipino culture to lessen ethnocultural tensions, discrimination and prejudice by working to develop harmonious relations with the community at large.

**WHEREAS:** It is imperative for Filipino American youth to have positive role models and instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and values of their legacy; and

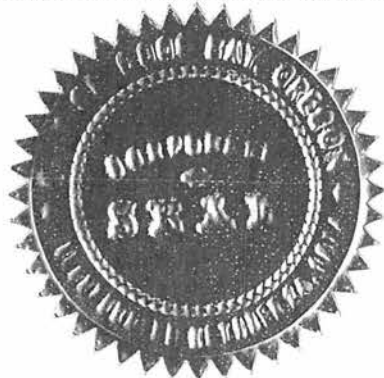
**WHEREAS:** Efforts must continue to promote the study of Filipino American history and culture, because the role of the Filipino Americans and those of other people have been overlooked in the writing, teaching and learning of United States history; and

**WHEREAS:** This anniversary is a significant time to study the advancement of Filipino Americans – a time of celebration, remembrance, reflection and motivation – and a relevant time for all of our citizens to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to our nation and to Oregon.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Crystal Shoji, MAYOR, of the City of Coos Bay, State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 2016 as

## **FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

In the City of Coos Bay, Oregon and encourage all citizens to join in recognition of the positive impact Filipino Americans have had on our community.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

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Crystal Shoji, Mayor