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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

April 15, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on April 15, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

HB3343 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FILIPINO-  
AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH.  
(ACT 15)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the writings and  
2 teachings of American history have often overlooked the  
3 historical role of Asian-Americans, including the role of  
4 Filipino-Americans, whose heritage spans a colonial, political,  
5 economic, and cultural relationship with the United States. The  
6 legislature also finds that the earliest documented presence of  
7 Filipinos in America was in 1587 in California and a settlement  
8 on the bayous of Louisiana in 1763, when seamen, later called  
9 Manilamen, jumped ship during the Spanish galleon trade era.

10           Subsequent waves of migration followed and today Filipino-  
11 Americans continue to make a lasting impact on the history and  
12 heritage of Hawaii and the United States. The legislature  
13 further finds that there have also been critical economic,  
14 cultural, social, and other notable contributions by Filipino-  
15 Americans to the development of United States history. The  
16 legislature further finds that the prominence of Hawaii's  
17 Filipino and Filipino-American population warrants an official  
18 commemoration of the history and heritage of Filipino-Americans.



1           The purpose of this Act is to designate the month of  
2   October as Filipino-American History Month to commemorate the  
3   contributions of Filipino-Americans to Hawaii and the United  
4   States.

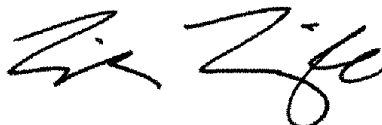
5           SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
6   by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
7   read as follows:

8           "§8-    Filipino-American History Month.    The month of  
9   October shall be known and designated as "Filipino-American  
10   History Month."   The month of October shall commemorate the  
11   contributions of Filipino-Americans to the history and heritage  
12   of Hawaii and the United States. This month is not and shall  
13   not be construed as a state holiday."

14           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 15 day of           APR   , 2008



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

