

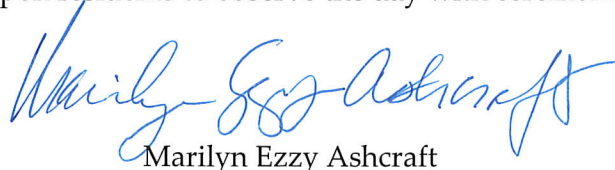
Proclamation

- Whereas,** during the month of June, Filipinos around the world celebrate the anniversary of Philippine Independence; and
- Whereas,** the Philippine Declaration of Independence was enacted on June 12, 1898, in Cavite, Philippines, proclaiming sovereignty and independence from Spain's 400-year colonial rule after winning the Philippine Revolution; and
- Whereas,** June 12 has been designated Philippine Independence Day to reflect on the meaning of liberty, freedom and democracy; and
- Whereas,** the hard won Philippine freedom was short-lived with the outbreak of the Spanish American War that ended with the 1898 Treaty of Paris, with Spain seceding the Philippines to the United States; and
- Whereas,** the Filipino people continued to fight for independence, resisting U.S. occupation during the Philippine-American War from February 1899 to July 1902, which resulted in the deaths of more than 4,000 Americans, more than 20,000 Filipino combatants, and approximately 200,000 Filipino civilians; and
- Whereas,** the United States government recognized Philippine sovereignty upon the signing of the Treaty of Manila on July 4, 1946, and July 4 is observed in the Philippines as Philippine-American Friendship Day; and
- Whereas,** today, 3.4 million people of Filipino descent reside in the U.S., including Puerto Rico; 1.2 million Filipinos reside in California; and 84,000 residents of Filipino descent make their homes in Alameda County; and
- Whereas,** generations of American Filipinos travel back and forth to the Philippines and continue to embrace the traditions and culture of Philippine society, and have extended multicultural influences in Alameda, through the establishment of a Sister City relationship between Alameda and the City of Dumaguete, Philippines; and
- Whereas,** Americans of Philippine ancestry have contributed much to our Nation, State and City, with their talents, hard work, and diverse cultural traditions, including State Assemblymember and Alameda resident Rob Bonta, who was the first Filipino American legislator in California.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2019 as

Philippine Independence Day

in the City of Alameda and call upon residents to observe the day with ceremonies, programs, and activities.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

