



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: March 24, 2002 has been designated by the Filipino community of the State of Minnesota as Philippine Day; and

WHEREAS: The Cultural Society of Filipino-Americans has been sponsoring this important event since 1987 in cooperation with educational, religious, business, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS: More than 6,000 people of Filipino heritage have made Minnesota their home. Many brought with them a rich culture and tradition, and a willingness to work hard for the American dream; and

WHEREAS: With their wide ranging skills, tradition of hard work, and respect for family and education, Filipino-Americans are helping build a more vibrant and diverse Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The Filipino community of the State of Minnesota has made significant contributions to the strength of our state by making invaluable contributions to our common heritage in every field of human endeavor, from the arts, sciences, and humanities to religion, and public service; and

WHEREAS: To commemorate this important day, Minnesota will celebrate with exhibits depicting the Philippine history, culture, arts, crafts, folk dances, music, and costume to preserve the rich Filipino culture.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that, Sunday, March 24, 2002 shall be observed as:

Philippine Day

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 4th day of March in the year two thousand and two, and of the State the one hundred forty-third.

Jesse Ventura

GOVERNOR

Mary Kiffmeyer
SECRETARY OF STATE

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