

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough is a community that values diversity and recognizes the rich tapestry of cultures that contribute to our vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino community has been an integral part of our borough for many years, contributing to our shared prosperity, and the overall growth of our community; and

WHEREAS, October is celebrated as Filipino American History Month in Alaska and across the United States, providing an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the significant contributions of Filipino Americans to our history, culture, and society; and

WHEREAS, Filipino American History Month allows us to recognize the enduring spirit, resilience, and dedication of Filipino Americans who have enriched our community with their talents, traditions, and values; and

WHEREAS, through their contributions in various fields, including education, healthcare, business, government, arts, and beyond, Filipino Americans have made lasting impacts that enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Mat-Su Borough; and


WHEREAS, by acknowledging and celebrating Filipino American History Month, we honor the Filipino community's heritage, promote cultural understanding, and foster a sense of unity and belonging among all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edna DeVries do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as

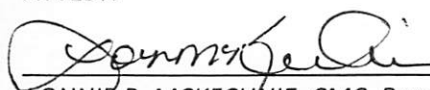
FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in the Mat-Su Borough, and I encourage all residents to participate in events and activities that celebrate Filipino culture and heritage and to take this opportunity to learn more about the Filipino American community in our borough.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Mat-Su Borough to be affixed this 10 day of October in the year 2023.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

