

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the continental United States was the date of October 18, 1587, when the first "Luzones Indios" set foot in Morro Bay, California, and the Filipino American National History Society recognizes the year of 1763 as the date of the first permanent Filipino settlement in the United States in St. Malo Parrish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans make up one of the largest Asian American ethnic groups in the United States today, and it is important to promote and reflect on Philippine history and culture to provide all Americans with the opportunity to hear about and appreciate the contributions of Filipino Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of Filipino Americans have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness that America continues to enjoy today, and locally, the Filipino American Association of the Inland Empire enriches our community by promoting and preserving Filipino culture and heritage through events and celebrations:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

### FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Filipino American men and women in our community.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

