

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States colonized the Philippines for 48 years from 1898 ending on July 4, 1946. The United States' contribution to Philippine colonization, following the Spanish-American War, involved establishing a military government, reforming education and infrastructure, and introducing English as the official language, all while facing resistance from Filipino nationalists; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, then Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos declared July 4 as the official Philippine American Friendship Day and this celebration strengthens this friendship with bridging the cultures between Spokane and our Philippine Friendship City, Malay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane welcomes and respects the traditional observance of the time honored commemoration of the significant friendship with the Filipinos and Americans and therefore declare this day as Philippine American Friendship Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2025 as

PHILIPPINE AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAY

in Spokane and encourage all people to join us in celebrating this special occasion.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
10th day of June 2025.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

