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FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH Celebrations

Chicago, IL – The US Congress officially passed laws to recognize October 2010 and every October thereafter as Filipino American History Month (FAHM) to celebrate the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to the Nation. For the 4th year in a row, the Filipino American community in Chicago and suburbs has been organizing programs and events to celebrate the FAHM. This year, the celebrations were plentiful throughout the month from film showings, cultural, theater, music and arts programs, banquets honoring Filipino American hall of famers and outstanding seniors, fashion shows, performances by celebrities Martin Nievera and 4 comedians from the Philippines, guest speaker Prof. Mark Rice and a transformation of an alley in downtown Chicago to the streets of Manila.

In a proclamation dated August 22, 2014, “Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois do hereby proclaim October 2014 as FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH in Illinois in recognition of the contributions of Filipino Americans made in our state and to our nation as a whole and in celebration of all Filipinos who call Illinois home”. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel “encourages all Chicagoans to acknowledge the enduring legacy and ongoing impact of the Filipino American community, and join with them in celebrating this auspicious month”. Like in the previous year, Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, Darien Mayor Kathleen Moser Weaver, Glendale Heights Village President Linda Jackson and Mayor Roger Claar of Bolingbrook join in proclaiming October 2014 as FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH in their respective cities/villages. New this year, Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra and Bloomingdale Mayor Franco Coladipietro also joined in proclaiming FAHM in the village of Addison and Bloomingdale.

We hope that you find the events celebrating FAHM entertaining and educational. We hope to do it again next year and every October thereafter.

For more information on all FAHM events and to join next year’s FAHM celebration, please visit the

Filipino American Network website - <http://fan-chicago.org/fahm/>

Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago website - <http://www.fahschicago.org/>

Philippine American Cultural Foundation website - <http://www.pacf-il.org/>



Photo above taken at the Philippine Consulate in Chicago October 2, 2014. The Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Chicago is pleased to announce the selection of US Army veteran Jaime Pesongco (seated to the right of Estrella Alamar, FAHSC President) as the Illinois Veteran of the Month for September 2014. A moment in HISTORY in the making, since the inception of the monthly **Veterans** Award by the State, No person of FILIPINO heritage has ever been selected for this **Honor**. Mr Pesongco is the first Filipino American to be honored.



Photo above taken at the Sullivan Center Alley in Downtown Chicago October 16, 2014. **Chicago Loop Alliance's ACTIVATE: Streets Of Manila** in Chicago featuring **Connection Art Project** with the special participation of Filipino Folk Fusion band, **SamaSama Project**



Photo above taken at the Moooh Dulce in Chicago on October 18, 2014. CIRCA Pintig presented the plays [APAT: A Quartet of Short Acts](#) by Conrad A. Panganiban throughout the month of October.



Photo above taken at the International House, University of Chicago on October 19, 2014. FANHS Midwest presented the **Typhoon Haiyan, One Year Later: Remembrance and Reconstruction** Art, dance, music, poetry, panel discussion



Photo above taken at the Philippine Consulate in Chicago October 25, 2014 during the **Mass Oath Ceremony for Dual Citizens**, sponsored by the Filipino Youth Leadership Program (FYLPRO) in partnership with the Philippine Consulate.



Photo above taken at the Indian Prairie Library in Darien on October 28, 2014. In celebration of FAHM and the commemoration of the **70TH Anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf**, FAASD, FAHSC and FANHS sponsored the film showing of [Untold Triumph](#). Photo above showed seated from L to R – Mayor Kathleen Weaver of Darien, Estrella Alamar, President of FAHSC and Delia De Guzman, President of FFS. Mayor Weaver signed a proclamation where she “proclaims the month of October 2014 as FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH and urges all residents to celebrate the heritage and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to our country.”



Photo above taken at the Four Points Sheraton in Schiller Park on October 26, 2014 during the Recognition of **Outstanding Seniors** in celebration of Filipino American History Month sponsored by the Philippine American Cultural Foundation (PACF).



Photo above taken at the Four Points Sheraton in Schiller Park on October 26, 2014. The PACF Performing Arts and the students from Bukidnon State University provided the entertainment during the program for the Recognition of **Outstanding Seniors** in celebration of Filipino American History Month sponsored by the Philippine American Cultural Foundation (PACF).