

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 350

Rep. Shannon offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare October 2022 as Filipino American  
2 History Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Michigan is home to more than 32,000 individuals  
4 claiming Filipino heritage, who have had a profound and positive  
5 impact on this state; and

6           Whereas, October was the month selected by the Filipino  
7 American Historical Society (FANHS) because it was October 1587 in  
8 Morro Bay, California, that the first known Filipinos arrived in  
9 America; and

10           Whereas, Since immigrants from the Philippines first  
11 established their roots in Michigan, they have become leaders in  
12 every aspect of our communities, enriching our schools, businesses,

1 civic life, and social organizations across the state; and

2       Whereas, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to music,  
3 dance, literature, journalism, sports, fashion, politics,  
4 government, science, technology, the fine arts, and other fields in  
5 the U.S. that enrich the landscape of this country; and

6       Whereas, These contributions reflect a culture which values  
7 and prioritizes family and community, which takes pride in hard  
8 work and diligence, and which celebrates its collective identity;  
9 and

10       Whereas, It is imperative for Filipino-American youth to have  
11 positive role models to instill in them the significance of  
12 education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and  
13 the value of their legacy; and

14       Whereas, Filipino Americans have also improved our state  
15 through their commitment to fostering institutions that have helped  
16 to eliminate prejudices and stereotypes and establish the kind of  
17 cross-cultural dialogue and understanding that makes our state a  
18 diverse and welcoming place for all; and

19       Whereas, Thanks in no small part to the efforts of Michigan's  
20 Filipino Americans, the United States continues to strengthen its  
21 relationship with the Filipino American community and to continue  
22 to promote the culture, values, history and traditions of the  
23 Philippines; now, therefore, be it

24       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
25 this legislative body declare October 2022 as Filipino American  
26 History Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

27       Resolved, That with the declaration of Filipino American  
28 History Month, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of  
29 Filipino Americans, who have greatly enriched Michigan's economy,

**1** civic life, and state culture.