

**MALACAÑANG**  
Manila

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 954**

**DECLARING THE YEAR 2006 AS HAWAII FILIPINO CENTENNIAL YEAR IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, Filipino *sakadas* were instrumental in the growth of the plantation industry and the labor movement in Hawaii, with the first fifteen Filipino *sakadas* arriving in Hawaii on December 20, 1906 aboard the S.S. Doric;

**WHEREAS**, the recruitment of Filipinos to Hawaii continued until 1946, with the last group of *sakadas* arriving aboard the S.S. Maunawili, though Filipino immigration to Hawaii has continued to this day with Filipinos considered as the fastest growing immigrant group in Hawaii;

**WHEREAS**, Filipinos have contributed to the social, cultural, political and economic life of Hawaii, and in the process supported and contributed to the development of the Philippines through commercial, educational, socio-economic and cultural exchanges;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines and Hawaii have always maintained close ties, particularly through its various sister-city and sister-state and province relationships;

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino community is celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of their arrival in Hawaii in 2006.

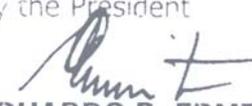
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby declare the year 2006 as **Hawaii Filipino Centennial Year in the Philippines** to commemorate the centennial celebration of Filipino immigration to Hawaii.

All agencies of the government and the citizenry are called upon to extend the heartfelt appreciation of a grateful Filipino nation to the Filipinos in Hawaii for their various contributions and assistance to the Philippines by joining them in the commemoration of this august event.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I** have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 10th day of December in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Five.

By the President

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary





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