



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS AND MAYOR OF CHICAGO PROCLAIM JUNE 12, 2018 AS PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN ILLINOIS AND CHICAGO

On the occasion of the 120th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, the Governor Bruce Rauner of Illinois issued a proclamation signed on May 29, 2018 proclaiming June 12, 2018 as Philippine Independence Day in Illinois and “enjoin all Filipino American citizens in celebration of this very special day”.

The Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel issued a proclamation dated 12 June 2018 proclaiming “June 12, 2018, to be Philippine Independence Day in Chicago, and urge all Chicagoans to celebrate this day”.

The Illinois State Treasurer Mr. Michael Frerichs and Illinois State Attorney General Lisa Madigan also issued their congratulatory messages to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of Philippine Independence. Illinois’ Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas also sent her congratulatory message.END





WHEREAS, one of the most significant dates in the history of the Philippines is Independence Day, which marks the date of the nation's independence from Spanish rule on June 12, 1898; and,

WHEREAS, in 1898, the Philippine Declaration of Independence was signed and publicly read by Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista, declaring a free, sovereign, and democratic Philippines; and,

WHEREAS, the Philippines' flag was raised and its national anthem was played for the first time in 1898; and,

WHEREAS, the annual June 12th observance of Philippine Independence Day came into effect after past-President Diosdado Macapagal signed the Republic Act No. 4166 on August 4, 1964; and,

WHEREAS, this year marks the 120th anniversary of Philippine Independence, and Illinois is proud that thousands of Filipino Americans call our state home; and,

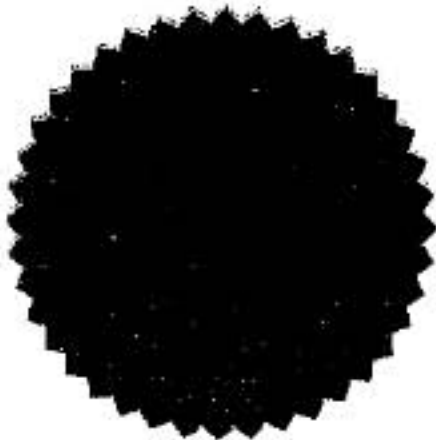
WHEREAS, our state's thriving Filipino American population is well-served by the Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago, and it is important that we commend the valuable Filipino community organizations across the Land of Lincoln; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions of Filipino Americans to the social, economic, and cultural landscape of this State greatly increase the quality of life for all Illinois residents;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2018, as PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY in Illinois and join all Filipino American citizens in celebration of this very special day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-NINTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundredth.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 14, 2018

LISA MADIGAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Gina A. Jamoralin
Consul General of the Philippines
Consulate General of the Philippines
122 S. Michigan, Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60603

Dear Consul General Jamoralin,

As Attorney General of the State of Illinois, I want to offer congratulations to you and the people of the Philippines on the celebration of your country's 120th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

Filipinos here in Illinois and around the world can take great pride in their country as their nation celebrates its anniversary of independence. The Filipino community is a vibrant and important part of Chicago and Illinois, and I know Filipino nationals feel much joy in this celebration.

We are proud that our world-class city of Chicago is home to the Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines. I am very appreciative of all you and your staff do to assist visitors as well as those living in Illinois and throughout the Midwest. I hope that the 2018 Independence Day is a memorable and satisfying one.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Madigan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

P Michael W. Frerichs
ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER
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**120th Anniversary of
Philippine Independence**

Whereas, the Illinois State Treasurer's Office is pleased to recognize the 120th Anniversary of Philippine Independence; and,

Whereas, Philippine independence from Spain was obtained and commemorated on June 12, 1898; and,

Whereas, Philippine Independence Day continues to be honored and celebrated every year on June 12, and has been the country's National Day since 1962; and,

Whereas, Philippine Independence Day is an opportunity to honor the sacrifices of those who fought for independence and continue to inspire us to fight for just and noble causes; and,

Whereas, the State of Illinois is proud to be the home of many Filipinos, whose contributions continue to be an asset to the state and to the nation; and,

Therefore, I, Michael W. Frerichs, Treasurer of the State of Illinois, do hereby commemorate the 120th Anniversary of Philippine Independence, and extend best wishes for a successful celebration.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed,
on this fifth day of June in the Year of our Lord,
two thousand and eighteen.*

Michael Frerichs
ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER





Maria Pappas
Cook County Treasurer

June 12, 2018

Dr. Gina Jamoralin
Consul General
Consulate of Philippines
122 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60603

Dear Consul General Jamoralin:

I am pleased to offer my congratulations as the Filipino community celebrates the 1898 declaration of independence from Spain – the first day of independence celebrated by the Philippines.

On June this day in 1898, Emilio Aguinaldo issued a Declaration of Independence intended to break from Spain. However, Spain ceded the Philippines to the United States after the Spanish-American War. Aguinaldo's Declaration failed but his cause would not.

World War II would force Filipino and American forces together to fight invasion by Japan. The partners succeeded, and on July 4, 1946, the United States recognized the independence of the Philippines.

Aguinaldo had lived to see his Declaration of 1898 realized and his country embarked on observing two independence days.

I join our Filipino friends and neighbors in honoring the anniversary of the first call for the independence of the Philippines.

Sincerely,


Maria Pappas
Cook County Treasurer

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June 12, 2018 celebrates the 120th Anniversary of Philippine Independence; and

WHEREAS, this special day celebrates the Philippines independence, and we recognize the many contributions Filipino Americans have made to our country, as well as the historic ties between the United States and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American community has made significant contributions to the development of Chicago throughout history and continues to play an important role in the cultural, civic, and economic life of our city; and

WHEREAS, the people of Chicago and the Philippines share a history of close friendship; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is home to a vibrant and energetic Filipino American community that has made our city a wonderful place to live and work:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2018, to be PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN CHICAGO, and urge all Chicagoans to celebrate this day.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor