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### **Philippine Independence Day Celebration in Phoenix: All Hands On Deck on June 11!**

To commemorate the 124th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence, the dynamic and indefatigable leaders from the Council of Filipino Organizations of Arizona in cooperation of ASU Philippine American Student Association is hosting the Philippine Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at ASU West Campus-4701 W. Thunderbird Road Glendale, AZ 85306. This year's theme is "Katatagan at Pagmamahal sa Bayan" (Resiliency and Love for Country) is a fitting tribute to Kababayan spirit both here and abroad", says Jennifer Lewis, the 2022 Chairwoman of Council of Filipino Organizations of Arizona Foundation, Inc., President and Co-Founder of Filipino American Marriage Group of Arizona (FAMAZ) and Publisher of Chikka Magazine. She shared that, "As we emerge from the cloud of uncertainty that has cast a shadow over our daily lives, I look forward to helping to bridge the gap and close the distance that has grown between us in recent years."

Door opens at 8:30 a.m. with the business expo and job fair. The celebration kicks off with the parade of organizations at 10:00 a.m. This year's all day event include cultural performances, fashion show, historical exhibits, health screening and the preliminary competition of Mrs. Philippines Arizona 2022. A variety show which will feature celebrity guests will cap the event at 7:00 p.m. The Philippine Independence Day Celebration Gala and Coronation Night of Mrs. Philippines Arizona 2022 is on July 30th.

"As we reflect on the significance of this year's Independence Day celebration where the country's sovereignty is appreciated, the sacrifices of the national heroes are remembered, instilling the value of nationalism as well as celebrating the culture and tradition of our people, it is also equally important to recognize the various opportunities by which we can rally our communities to work together in the midst of economic uncertainty and ecological catastrophe, which is also an excellent reason to reflect on the resilience and optimism", said Jovie Calma, 2022 CFO PIDC Public

Relations Committee Chair, NaFFAA-AZ Vice Chair and FPACC Vice President Global Communications.

“Now, more than ever, Filipinos in the U.S. most especially here in Arizona, continue to honor Philippine Independence Day, with the younger blood and members of today’s Filipino-American generation cultivating meaningful reasons to celebrate”, said Ihman Esturco, Asian International Film Festival Arizona (AIFFA) Founder and 2022 CFO PIDC Public Relations Committee Co-Chair.

The Philippine Independence Day Celebration is free for everyone to enjoy! For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.azpidc.com/> or contact [Info@CFOAZ.org](mailto:Info@CFOAZ.org).