



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS ANGELES

### MESSAGE



On behalf of the Philippine government and the men & women of the Consulate General in Los Angeles, I wish to share the collective joy and pride of the Filipino nation with our *kababayans* in Southern California, Southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas on the occasion of the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence!

The government under the administration of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte is determined to honor the sacrifice of our brave and valiant heroes by realizing the promise and potential of our republic. We continue the fight, this time, not against colonialism, but against poverty, lawlessness and inequality.

Our continued struggle in this regard is perfectly reflected in this year's Independence Day celebration theme, so aptly named:

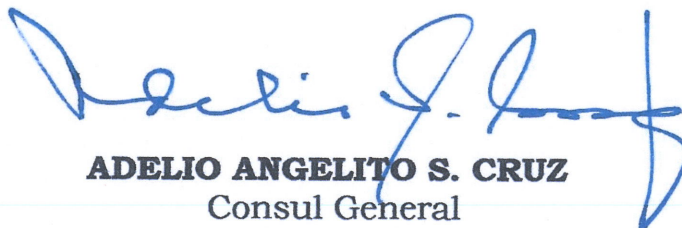
*"Kalayaan 2018: Pagbabagong Ipinaglaban, Alay sa Masaganang Kinabukasan."*

While we remember and celebrate the past, all Filipinos, wherever in the world, are called to look to the future, to the work that lies ahead and the contributions everyone should make to build a safe, peaceful and prosperous Philippines.

The Consulate General in Los Angeles is fortunate to have so many Filipinos within its jurisdiction who answer the call and take part in our collective nation-building efforts. As the Philippine government's representatives in the American southwest, we pledge our steadfast commitment to promoting the interests and welfare of the Filipino nation to the best of our abilities.

*Mga minamahal kong kababayan sa bahaging ito ng Estados Unidos, patuloy nawa nating paglingkuran ang inang bayan sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng ating lakas at natatanging galing at yaman. Ang pagbabago at masaganang bukas na ating minimithi ay abot-kamay basta tayo'y nagkakaisa at nagtutulungan!*

*Mabuhay ang kalayaan at ang Sambayanang Pilipino!*



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