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PH GOVERNMENT APPOINTS MS. BELLA AURORA “AMIE” PADUA BELMONTE AS PHILIPPINE HONORARY CONSUL IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



Los Angeles, 05 September 2023 – In its efforts to make consular and related services more accessible to the Filipino community in Las Vegas and neighboring areas in Southern Nevada, the Philippine Government, with the concurrence of the U.S. Government, has appointed Ms. Bella Aurora “Amie” Padua Belmonte as Philippine Honorary Consul in Las Vegas. Ms. Belmonte took her oath of office on 2 September 2023. She will head the first-ever Philippine Honorary Consulate office in Las Vegas, Nevada, which held its soft launching on 3 September 2023.

Operating under the direct supervision of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, the Honorary Consulate in Las Vegas will hold office at 4055 Spencer Street, Suite 109, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. It will exercise consular

jurisdiction over Clark, Lincoln and Nye Counties in Southern Nevada. Its consular services will include the following:

- Consular notarization of documents;
- Issuance of mortuary certificates; and
- Issuance of emergency travel documents.

As Philippine Honorary Consul, Ms. Belmonte is also mandated to protect and promote the welfare and interests of Filipino nationals, as well as provide services and assistance to distressed Filipinos within the said counties.

A long-time resident of Southern Nevada who traces her family roots to San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, Ms. Belmonte is concurrently a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA). She is among the leading figures in the Filipino community in Nevada. She formerly served as President of Fil-Am POWER (Political Organization with Equal Representation).

Aside from her active involvement in Filipino community projects, Ms. Belmonte is likewise the President and Founder of Senior Resources and Services, LLC, a geriatric care management, marketing and consulting firm serving seniors in Nevada.

Ms. Belmonte holds a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Hawaii in Manoa, and is a recipient of the 2021 Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas Banaag Award.

Honorary consular officers are appointed by the Philippine Government from among private individuals to perform consular functions on a non-career basis in regions or areas located at a considerable distance from Philippine Embassies or Consulates. END