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Bergen County Honors Filipino Community with Independence Day Resolution



Filipinos from New Jersey Commemorate Philippine Independence Day.

NEW YORK 13 June 2019 – Citing the contributions of the 24,000-strong Filipino community in Bergen County, New Jersey, County Executive James J. Tedesco III led the ceremonial flag raising at the Bergen County Plaza on 12 June 2019.

The program that accompanied the flag raising included cultural performances from community organizations, as well as a keynote speech from renowned Filipino-American chef Dale Talde, who has eponymous restaurants in New York City and New Jersey.

In his speech for the occasion, Tedesco, who dressed for the occasion in the traditional Philippine “barong”, mentioned the contributions that members of the Filipinos had brought to Bergen County citing the waves of professionals that had enhanced the county and its town by their presence. Tedesco expressed the hope that Filipinos would continue to find Bergen County a great and welcoming place to live and work.

Deputy Consul General Kerwin Tate, representing the Philippine Consulate General in turn expressed the Consulate’s gratitude for the County’s generosity in recognizing and honoring the anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence, and stated that the relations between the two countries continued to grow and strengthen as the years pass, and hoped for even better relations in the coming years, as befitting the arc of people who share traditions of freedom and liberty.

A proclamation recognizing Philippine Independence, honoring the Filipinos’ “sacrifices, hard work and contributions, here and across the globe.” was presented to Consul Tate.
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