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Philippine Independence Commemorated in Bergen County, NJ



(3rd from right) Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville C. Tate with (1st from right) Bergen County Executive James Tedesco III attended the annual flag-raising ceremony and commemoration of Philippine Independence at the Bergen County government complex in Hackensack, New Jersey on 12 June 2018 (photo by NYPCG).

New York, NY - The Philippine Consulate General in New York (PCGNY), represented by Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville C. Tate attended the annual flag-raising ceremony and commemoration of Philippine Independence at the Bergen County government complex in Hackensack, New Jersey on 12 June 2018.

Bergen County Executive James Tedesco III heaped praise on the Filipino community of Bergen, calling them a vital part of Bergen County, which prides itself on the diversity of its inhabitants. He cited the more than 20,000 Filipinos who reside in the county and who have contributed immensely to the welfare of Bergen through medical services, government service and even the county's famous Filipino restaurants. After his remarks, Executive Tedesco then presented a Proclamation declaring June 12 as Philippine Independence Day in Bergen County.

Mary J. Amoroso, Chair Pro Tempore of the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, highlighted the similarities between Filipinos and Latinos, noting our love of family, respect for elders and deeply-held Christian values. She stated that, coming from an immigrant background herself, she understood the desire to build a better life for family in the United States.

The flag raising ceremony was also an opportunity for Bergen County to recognize outstanding Filipinos and Filipino-owned businesses that have become well-known institutions in the county.

Bergen Filipino Community leader Ludi Hughes, along with the Filipino American Festival, Inc., Filipino American Association of Fair Law, the Philippine American Community of Bergen County and the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey were instrumental in organizing and carrying out the event.
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