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### **New England Filipino Community Celebrates Philippine Independence Day with Parade, Fair**



Filipinos from all over the New England area gather together to celebrate Philippine Independence.

NEW YORK 17 June 2019 – The Philippine-American Mainstream Advocacy for Nonpartisan Associations, Inc. (PAMANA), the dynamic Filipino organization behind the annual celebration of Philippine Independence in the New England region, once more organized a parade, cultural show and street fair to celebrate Philippine independence on Saturday, 15 June 2019.

Filipinos gathered at the La Salette National Shrine grounds to enjoy the presentations of various Filipino-American groups coming from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maine. Many came to buy unique Filipino products, and of course enjoy genuine Filipino food sold by almost 30 vendors who had come to take part in the fair.

In her remarks, PAMANA President Jennifer Coliflores expressed her pride at her Filipino heritage, and the appreciation for her Filipino heritage instilled in her by her mother that became the motivation for her to devote her time to not just keeping PAMANA's Independence Day celebration, but looking for ways to expand the event.

Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville C. Tate, representing the Philippine Consulate General in New York, for his part lauded PAMANA for its effort in holding the commemoration of Philippine Independence, and encouraged all present to continue the tradition, as a source of pride for emerging generations.

PAMANA's commemoration of Philippine Independence will culminate with the Gala Ball to be held on 29 June 2019. END

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