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## **MIRA MESA TO HONOR FILIPINO COVID-19 NURSES FOR PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY** *San Diego's Largest Filipino American Community to Showcase Frontline Healthcare Employees*

San Diego, CA: Long-before the COVID-19 pandemic, nurses were known to be the heart of healthcare. The pandemic truly brought to light how essential nurses are to our city, and our nation. [The Philippine Nurses Association of San Diego County](#) embraces all nurses regardless of ethnicity, develops innovative nursing leadership, improves professional nursing practice image, and builds a strong community partnership.

Independence Day is an annual national holiday in the Philippines commemorating the Philippine Declaration of Independence from Spain on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1898, ceremoniously marked by the raising of the first Philippine flag in a small town of Kawit, in the province of Cavite. The San Diego region boasts one of the largest concentrations of Filipino Americans in the entire United States. 1 in every 3 residents in San Diego's Sixth Council District are of Asian American descent, with the neighborhood of Mira Mesa being home to the city's largest Filipino American population.

To kickoff the Philippine Independence Day holiday in the City of San Diego, twenty (20) banners featuring nurses from the Philippine Nurses Association of San Diego County will be installed and unveiled along Mira Mesa Boulevard. Mira Mesa Boulevard is the community's major thoroughfare, with more than 50,000 vehicles utilizing it daily.

"Nurses are heroes. From bedside care to administering vaccinations, San Diego is better because of these selfless and compassionate individuals. Coinciding this recognition of the Philippine Nurses Association of San Diego with Philippine Independence Day is significant because Filipino Americans make up a vast majority of nursing professionals," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

**WHAT:** Philippine Nurses Association Banner Presentation

**WHERE:** Mira Mesa Boulevard & New Salem Street (northwest corner)  
San Diego, CA 92126

**WHEN:** Friday, June 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**WHO:** Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6  
Ms. Vivian Sanderlin, Philippine Nurses Association of San Diego County  
Ms. Bari Vaz, Mira Mesa Town Council



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