

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2)

DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

TITLE: ANNUAL PROCLAMATION OF FILIPINO DAY

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is proud to be home to a vibrant and engaged Filipino community, which has made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our city; and

Whereas, the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV), established in 1990, has played a critical role in fostering community spirit, supporting newcomers and strengthening civic engagement among Filipino residents; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan and Baguio City, Philippines, have enjoyed a strong international partnership since 1997, which has included numerous cultural exchanges, economic missions and educational collaborations—including a recent mission in May 2023 that renewed these longstanding ties; and

Whereas, Filipino Day supports the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan's goal of promoting Filipino culture and values in Vaughan and across Canada; and

Whereas, Filipino-Canadians across the country, including in Vaughan, commemorate June 12 with events, flag raisings and festivals that celebrate Filipino heritage, cuisine, music, dance and values of family and service; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan reaffirmed its friendship with Baguio City in November 2022, welcomed a Philippine delegation and continues to pursue partnership opportunities aligned with Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy; and

Whereas, Vaughan mourns and condemns the deeply disturbing incident that occurred on April 26, 2025, when a vehicle deliberately struck a crowd at a Filipino cultural celebration in British Columbia, killing and injuring numerous people. This heinous act of violence underscores the continued need to stand against hate and reaffirm the importance of celebrating cultural heritage publicly and safely.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Council proclaims June 12 of each year as Filipino Day;
2. That this day be officially recognized and promoted through the City's corporate channels by the Communications, Marketing and Engagement department; and
3. That the City Clerk be directed to coordinate a flag raising ceremony each year on or near June 12, in accordance with the City's Flag Protocol Policy.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

Existing operating budget will be leveraged to implement the above.

Attachments

1. Proclamation Request – Filipino Day