



The Senate

RECOGNIZING THE HAWAII ALOHA PROJECT FOR PHILIPPINE FIRST RESPONDERS

It is with great honor that the Hawaii State Senate recognizes the *Hawaii Aloha Project for Philippine First Responders* event conducted on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

From the arrival of the first *sakadas*, or plantation workers, at the turn of the century, there have been strong ties that bind Hawaii and the Philippines together. These workers left everything behind to labor in Hawaii's plantations. From these humble beginnings, the Filipino community has grown into the largest ethnic population in Hawaii, and fully contributes to the overall health and welfare of the State of Hawaii.

In the past, the Filipino community in Hawaii has demonstrated its aloha to the Philippines during times of calamities and natural disasters. In November and December 2020, the country was pummeled by strong and heavy winds in a series of typhoons, which wrecked havoc and left heavy destruction in the Northern Philippines. During the rescue operations, there was a serious need for personal protective equipment (PPEs) for frontline and rescue workers due to scarce supplies. Understanding the urgent need the Philippines was in, there was an outpouring of aloha from Hawaii in providing thirteen large boxes of PPEs to the rescue workers who were on the ground helping in the relief and rebuilding operations.

A warm mahalo goes out to the numerous organizations who partnered and donated to this cause:

Philippine Consulate of Honolulu	Filipino American League of Engineers and Architects	Knights of Rizal
UMAC Hawaii	Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii	Philippine Medical Association
Amethyst Builders Inc.	Filipino Lawyers Association	R&M Reyes Enterprise
Cebuano Association of Hawaii	Filipino Women's Civic Club	Rotary Club of Hickam Pearl Harbor
Dabawenyos Community Foundation	Hawaii-Philippine Business Economic Council	

A sincere thanks also goes out to the Rotary Club of Pasay Edsa for agreeing to be the accepting organization of the donations.

Now, therefore, the Hawaii State Senate hereby recognizes the *Hawaii Aloha Project for Philippine First Responders* for providing PPEs to the rescue workers in the Northern Philippines; and extends its deepest gratitude to the many participating volunteers and sponsoring organizations for their thoughtfulness and caring efforts in bringing this project to fruition. The Filipino community in Hawaii has demonstrated the true spirit of aloha for the land of their ancestors.



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