



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Proclamation



**PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE AND PHILIPPINES & OTHER CULTURES
FRIENDSHIP WEEK**

WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2018

BE IT KNOWN to whom these presents do concern;

WHEREAS, the Filipinos and Filipino-Canadians play vital roles in Yellowknife's and the north's economic, social, cultural, service-sectors status and the northern uniqueness and spirit; and

WHEREAS, June 12 is a monumental day for the Filipinos and is known as the Philippine Independence Day, marking Filipinos' freedom and independence from Spain's years of ruling; and

WHEREAS, Filipinos in Yellowknife are proud of their culture, heritage, and relationships with other ethnic groups who live in Yellowknife. The friendship that the people of Yellowknife and the Filipinos have is a rich and enduring history, dating back in 1967, when the first Filipino arrived in Yellowknife; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Cultural Association of Yellowknife has been consistent in representing itself as a strong cultural organization with a well-built connection to the City of Yellowknife, and has exemplified interest and commitment in building bridges with the local community, government and other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, the week of June 12 is also celebrated by Filipinos as the Philippines & Other Cultures Friendship Week to acknowledge the ongoing, dedicated and reciprocated relationships of the Filipinos with other cultural groups and the north;

NOW THEREFORE, in honour of the Philippine Cultural Association of Yellowknife for their tremendous commitment and accomplishment in our community, I, Adrian Bell, Acting Mayor of the City of Yellowknife, do hereby proclaim the week of June 12, 2018 as *Philippine Independence and Philippines & Other Cultures Friendship Week* in the City of Yellowknife.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed this 28th day of May, A.D., 2018.



Adrian Bell
Acting Mayor