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PHILIPPINE CONSULATE IN CHICAGO AND THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN THE US MIDWEST CALL FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago and the Filipino community in the US Midwest joined in the observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) from 25 November to 12 December 2021.



Consul General J. Susana V. Paez (seated in black blazer) together with the officers and staff of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago proudly wore VAW T-shirts as part of Post's support for the campaign.

The campaign was conducted under the stewardship of Consul General J. Susana V. Paez, who has been strongly advocating for greater awareness and broader participation in gender and development concerns.

The event was launched on 22 November 2021 at the Consular service reception area. Ms. Jacqueline A. Cuevas, Post's GAD-FPO, started the program with the VAW Prayer and a brief introduction of the VAW campaign. Consul Ryan Francis D. Gener delivered the message on the importance of the VAW campaign awareness and presented the series of short films, "Unspoken Words", which depicts the various forms of violence against women such as human trafficking, revenge porn, date rape, VAW in schools, and VAW at home. The short films were played in a loop at the reception area of the consular section for the viewing of the Consulate's visitors and clientele.

The Consulate also shared with the Filipino communities under Post's jurisdiction the VAW banner for display and viewing at their respective community centers.



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Members of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NAFFAA) Missouri together with newly arrived Filipino nurses (right photo) displayed the VAW banner (left photo) during their Thanksgiving party.

Filipino communities in Missouri and Indiana enthusiastically welcomed and supported the VAW awareness campaign. The National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NAFFAA) Missouri, led by President Ms. Anecita Alvizo commemorated the event during their Thanksgiving Party, which also welcomed newly arrived Filipino nurses.

Meanwhile, the Barangay Club of Indiana, led by its President, Ms. Marife C. Callender supported the event by posting the 18-Day Campaign To End VAW banner on its Facebook page (screenshot on the right).



Since the signing of Proclamation No. 1172 (2006) declaring 25 November to 12 December of every year as the “18-Day Campaign to End Violence against Women in the Philippines,” programs and projects relative to the campaign have continued to support the Philippine government’s goal of protecting the human rights of women and girls by upholding its commitment to address all forms of gender-based violence as enshrined in the 1987 Constitution. **END CHICAGO, 15 December 2021**

