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CONSUL GENERAL JAMORALIN REITERATES URGENT CALL FOR FILIPINO OVERSEAS VOTERS TO GO OUT AND VOTE

Chicago, 07 May 2019 – During yesterday’s interview by Mr. Jerry Clarito, a Filipino community leader and columnist for the Fil-Am Megascene, Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin reiterated her call for all registered Filipino overseas voters to cast their ballot in the 2019 national elections.

“Let me thank those who already mailed in their ballots to us and remind those who have not yet done so that the deadline for overseas voting is fast approaching. To strengthen our democracy, your voice should be heard. Your vote counts,” the Consul General said.



Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin (center) with Mr. Jerry Clarito (left) and DCG Romulo Victor Israel Jr.

The deadline set for the close of voting is on Monday, May 13, 5:00 a.m. in Chicago (6:00 p.m. Philippine Standard Time). Under the postal voting mode, which is implemented in the U.S., any ballot envelope received beyond the deadline is deemed invalid.

Consul General Jamoralin told Mr. Clarito that she is confident that Filipino overseas voters would realize the real consequences of elections as they get to choose 12 senators and one party-list representative. Historically, overseas voting turnout in midterm elections is only around 16 percent, and she hopes the participation this year would exceed this level.

The Consulate General has mailed out all the ballots of voters in the 16 states it covers. A list of electoral mails returned to sender is continually updated on its website and Facebook page so that concerned voters can still claim their ballots and participate in the elections. **END**