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FILIPINO CULTURAL CELEBRATION IN OCEANSIDE JUNE 9

The Filipino-American Cultural Organization (FACO) and the Oceanside Public Library will be hosting the 17th Annual Filipino Cultural Celebration on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The event will take place at the Oceanside Civic Center Plaza and Library, located at 330 N. Coast Highway in downtown Oceanside from 12:00 noon to 6:30 p.m. Event admission is free and open to the public.

The theme for this year's event is "Celebrate Culture, Inspire Harmony," and will offer attendees a day full of Philippine folk dancing and music, colorful costumes, special performances from local Filipino-American talents, and delicious Filipino and international cuisine. Special guest performers will include R&B/pop singer Leo Villamil and rock star performer Malou Zagala Toler. Other event highlights will include the coronations of the 2018 Little Miss Fil-Am and Miss Pre-teen Fil-Am. Guests will be delighted by performances by the FACO Cultural Dance Group which will include Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao dances. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving Filipino-American high school seniors in North San Diego County and in the Philippines.

The event offers crafts and activities for children in the courtyard of the Civic Center Library Community Rooms until 5:00 p.m. Inside the Library some fun Philippine collectibles will be on display, and short videos about Filipino cooking and tourism will be showing continuously. There will be a variety of vendors offering their products and services in the Plaza area.

Now in existence for 40 years, FACO is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, whose platform includes: youth education; disaster relief; preservation and promotion of cultural heritage; providing scholarships to Filipinos in the USA and the Philippines; participation in building projects to serve education and community needs in the Philippines; donations to the the Oceanside Public Library; providing free Tagalog classes and cultural dance lessons to its

members; and operating its own choir group. The mission of the Oceanside Public Library, serving the community since 1904, is "To Engage, Inform, Connect and Inspire."

For more information about the event, please visit www.filamcultural.com or call Rein Hanson at (760) 687-6968 or Dorothy Mahimer at (650) 580-7632. For Library information visit www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org or call (760) 435-5600.