Declaration of Filipino Heritage Month for the month of June - by Councillor Neethan Shan, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
Communications MM34.15.1 to MM34.15.77 have been submitted on this Item.

Recommendations
Councillor Neethan Shan, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council formally declare June as "Filipino Heritage Month" for the City of Toronto in 2018, and for future years.

2. City Council formally request the Province of Ontario to declare June as "Filipino Heritage Month" for the Province in 2018, and for future years.

3. City Council formally request the Government of Canada to declare June as "Filipino Heritage Month" for the country in 2018, and for future years.

Summary

The Filipino community has a long history in the City of Toronto. For decades the Filipino community has been working to make the City of Toronto a better place. It's time for the City to give back to the Filipino community by recognizing and honouring its many contributions.

In Toronto, the population of the Filipino community is over 150,000, while Tagalog is one of the top most spoken languages in the City's neighbourhoods.

Filipino Canadians have made a significant impact to local economies throughout the City with flourishing local businesses and as workers improving the lives of Torontonians.

From the community’s rich cultural and social make-up, to its economic and social impact, Filipino Heritage Month will be a much-deserved acknowledgement of the Filipino community and its history.

Proclaiming June as "Filipino Heritage Month" coincides with the Philippines Independence
Day (June 12) and will give Filipino Canadians, Torontonians, Ontarians and Canadians an opportunity to learn, celebrate, enjoy and experience the rich heritage and histories of the Filipino Canadian community. It will also provide our City with an opportunity to reflect on the many outstanding contributions Filipino Canadians have made in our society, and in the world.

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM34.15

**Communications (City Council)**

(November 3, 2017) E-mail from Susan Llanera, Camarines Norte Association Canada-Ontario (MM.Supp.MM34.15.1)
(November 3, 2017) E-mail from Paulina Corpuz (MM.Supp.MM34.15.2)
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(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Myrna Young (MM.New.MM34.15.23)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Maria Gonzales (MM.New.MM34.15.24)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Anna-Karina Tabunar (MM.New.MM34.15.25)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Marily Mondejar, CEO and Founder, Filipina Women's Network (MM.New.MM34.15.26)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Joseph T. Francia (MM.New.MM34.15.27)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Caroline Liggayu-Martin (MM.New.MM34.15.28)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Maria Beebe (MM.New.MM34.15.29)
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(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Mary Ann Gamboa (MM.New.MM34.15.31)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Prescilla Gonzales (MM.New.MM34.15.32)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Raissa Alvero (MM.New.MM34.15.33)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Maria Saras-Voutsinas, Executive Director, National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada (MM.New.MM34.15.34)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Maripi Leynes (MM.New.MM34.15.35)
(November 6, 2017) E-mail from Regina Balisi (MM.New.MM34.15.36)