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Philippine American Friendship Festival Celebrates Unity in Diversity

The Filipino American Northwest Association (FANA), in collaboration with community partners and civic leaders, proudly presents the **Philippine American Friendship Festival** on June 21, 2025 at Spokane Riverfront Park, Central Plaza from 1 pm to 4 pm.

This vibrant, family-friendly event honors the longstanding friendship between the Philippines and the United States through cultural performances, folk dancing, traditional cuisine, and artistic displays. The festival aims to celebrate the shared history, promote cultural understanding, and showcase the contributions of Filipino Americans to the local and national community.

“We are thrilled to bring together people from all backgrounds to experience the rich culture of the Philippines,” said J. Babol, founder of FANA and community leader. “This festival is a bridge of friendship—reminding us that diversity is our strength and cultural heritage is something to be celebrated and shared.”

Festival Highlights Include:

- Traditional Philippine Folk Dances and Zumba Fusion Performances
- Live Music and Special Guest Performers
- Authentic Filipino Cuisine and Food Trucks
- Filipino Arts, Crafts, and Cultural Exhibits
- Youth Activities and Family Entertainment

- Asian Karaoke Contest
- Health Screening by CHAS Health
- Asian Painting lesson by Abrelli

- A Commemorative Ceremony Honoring Filipino-American Contributions

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to wear traditional attire and bring their families for a day of cultural immersion and community joy.

This year's festival is made possible through the support of Riverfront Park, Spokane Parks Foundation, Empire Health Foundation, Wellpoint, CHAS, Numerica and various local sponsors.

About FANA:

The Filipino American Northwest Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Filipino heritage, fostering community engagement, and promoting cross-cultural understanding in the Pacific Northwest. This non-profit organization is the sponsor for the Spokane Malay Sister City Initiative as well as the formation of the Spokane Valley Food Bank and Soup Kitchen.

Join us in celebrating the spirit of friendship and unity at the **Philippine American Friendship Festival**—where cultures meet, stories are shared, and hearts are connected.