



**CONSULATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

PROCLAMATION
TAFFY III
BATTLE OFF SAMAR

- Whereas: Taffy III, the call sign of a squadron of thirteen U.S. Naval ships, led a triumphant battle against a larger, powerful Japanese fleet during the Battle off Samar on October 25th, 1944 in the Philippines;
- Whereas: The battle was the last major naval engagement between the United States and Japan in World War II that later influenced the liberation of the Philippines;
- Whereas: 898 men were killed and 913 were wounded, but their sacrifices should always be remembered; and
- Whereas: On the 75th anniversary of the Battle off Samar, we honor all of those who gallantly served in Taffy III, including all the heroic survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AUDIE J. DE CASTRO as PHILIPPINE HONORARY CONSUL OF SAN DIEGO, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, do hereby commemorate the heroic World War II veterans from Taffy III in the STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25TH of October, 2019.



Audie J. de Castro
Honorary Consul of the Republic of the Philippines
San Diego County