

ALASKA STATE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

RESOLUTION NO. 86-03

WHEREAS, the Filipino people have elected Corazon Aquino President of the Philippines in an election that has been characterized by fraud and other irregularities; and

WHEREAS, the transition from the more than 20-year presidency of Ferdinand E. Marcos to the presidency of Corazon Aquino turned out peacefully without the expected bloodshed that could have resulted in a civil war; and

WHEREAS, the new era of civil and political freedom will certainly strengthen the cause of genuine democracy in the Philippines and will give and serve as inspiration as well as hope to oppressed peoples around the world; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans of Filipino descent as well as other residents of the state applaud and salute the Filipino people for the recent developments in the Philippines--called the pearl of the Orient; and

WHEREAS, the Filipinos have demonstrated and shown to the world that they can rise to unity in times of the worst crisis for the preservation of democracy, peace and order by the role the civilians played in protecting the armed military from fighting each other;

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights applauds these efforts of the Filipino people to ensure the human rights of all citizens of the Philippines;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights extends its congratulations to Corazon Aquino upon her inauguration as President of the Philippines; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights also congratulates the Filipino people and praises them for the courageous and peaceful political action they have demonstrated in further strengthening the cause of true democracy and freedom; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights extend its sincerest wishes for the prosperity and success in the future endeavors of the Filipino people and President Corazon Aquino and members of her cabinet; and be it

RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Bill Sheffield, Governor of the State of Alaska; to her Excellency Corazon Aquino, President of the Republic of the Philippines; to the Philippine Ambassador to the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in the U.S. Congress.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska this 14th day of March 1986



Virgie M. King, Chairperson

Introduced by: Commissioner Bienvenido E. Holganza