



# The Council of Filipino Organizations of Arizona

Since 2004

*Philippine Independence Day Celebration 2024*



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**The Council of Filipino Organizations of Arizona (CFO-AZ)** invites the community to the *126th Annual Philippine Independence Day Celebration*, marking the 20th year of its observation in Arizona. This event commemorates the **Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence**, celebrating the resilience, unity, and rich cultural heritage of Filipinos in Arizona and around the world.

CFO-AZ, established in 2004, has been at the forefront of promoting Filipino culture and heritage in the state. The organization is committed to connecting the community, celebrating cultural pride, and embracing the shared values that have historically united Filipinos. CFO-AZ Foundation just recently acquired a 501C-3 Status.

**The Gala Night on July 27th, 2024**, at Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, supported by major sponsor Casino Arizona, will have a Gala night celebration with the coronation of pageant winners, performances, recognitions, dinner and dance. It promises to be an evening that highlights the culture, traditions, and achievements of the Filipino-American community.

Seven Teen Candidates and Inspirational Speaker Jessica Cox to Inspire Change at Upcoming Event in a remarkable gathering of young minds, seven exceptional teen candidates are set to take the stage alongside renowned motivational speaker Jessica Cox. The event, promises to be an inspiring and transformative experience for all attendees. Along with the 1st Filipino-American AZ State Representative Junelle Cavero Harnal and of course Major Sponsor Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort - Public Relations Director Ramon Martinez will grace and share inspiring note during the event.

### **Keynote Speaker Jessica Cox:**

Born without arms, Jessica Cox has defied all odds to become a Guinness World Record holder, motivational speaker, and the first armless pilot. Her story of resilience, faith, and determination resonates with audiences worldwide. Jessica's message transcends physical limitations, encouraging everyone to embrace their unique qualities and strive for greatness.

About Jessica Cox: Jessica Cox is an internationally acclaimed motivational speaker, advocate, and mentor. Her journey from adversity to achievement inspires audiences to embrace their limitless potential. As a fearless innovator, Jessica believes in a future where people passionately pursue their dreams, overcoming any challenge that comes their way.

Join us in these celebrations that showcase the Filipino-American culture and spirit in Arizona. CFO-AZ is eager to share this enriching experience with the entire Filipino community and the broader Arizona community, inviting everyone to partake in the festivities and learn more about the diverse culture and traditions of the Philippines.

For more details, including events and ticket information, please visit **[www.pidcaz.com](http://www.pidcaz.com)**.

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