AN ORDINANCE RENAMING LOOBAN STREET IN PACO, IN THE 5TH DISTRICT OF MANILA. MAHATMA GANDHI STREET.

WHEREAS, numerous countries expressed congratulations to the Philippines during the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Independence as a nation in 1998;

WHEREAS, the rest of our neighbors in the Asian region through the diplomatic sources, came to learn of this event that some of them showed interest in joining us in such a historic occasion;

WHEREAS, for this can only be because our nation has gained a high level of respectability in the region as well as by the world at large;

WHEREAS, it therefore, caught us with a sense of pride when the Indian Ambassador, H.E.O.P. Revindranathan informed us, that a street in New Delhi, India, was named after our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, as its contribution to the Centennial Celebration;

WHEREAS, it can only be most exhilarating that we were accorded this fine gesture by the Government of India, which behooves us to reciprocate the same by renaming one of our streets after the Indian national hero, Mahatma Gandhi, hence this measure;

WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi, with his philosophy of non-violence move the entire Indian population to stand their ground in what the world considered as one of the most noble struggles against a colonial power, a move that gave birth to the principle of passive resistance;

WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi, led the Indian people towards independence from the clutches of the British Imperial rule, hence, the introduction and passage of this proposal as a token of friendship and reciprocity to the people of India and the Indian community in our Caty: NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, THAT:

SECTION 1. Looban Street, from U.N. Avenue Street up to Escoda Street in Paco, in the 5th District of Manila, is hereby renamed Mahatma Gandhi Street.

SEC. 2. The City Engineer is hereby directed to cause the installation of the corresponding street signs in strategic places thereat.

SEC. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, January 11, 2000.

Approved by His Honor, the Mayor, on February 4, 2000.

APPROVED:

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City of Manila

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