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## RESOLUTION NO. 150 Series of 2022

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT OF THE CITY OF MANILA WITH THE CITY OF CARTAGENA DE INDIAS, COLOMBIA

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WHEREAS, this proposal is in line with the vision of the City Government of Manila in strengthening the ties with the different nations worldwide, through establishing and maintaining friendly ties and significant activities toward a rich cultural, economic and educational programs, mutually beneficial and keeping with the rationale of the International Sister Cities Charter;

WHEREAS, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, was invited to join the Manila Sustainable Development Goals Festival and Forum organized by Mrs. Cecile Alvarez, Director of Earthsavers Dream Center UNESCO Artist for Peace held in October, 2021;

WHEREAS, the former City Mayor of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, Honorable William Dau forwarded a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding to our former City Mayor, Honorable Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso, towards the conclusion and the establishment of a Sister-City Agreement of mutual friendship and strengthening of ties of the two cities, which are both prime destinations on the international market and related economic programs;

WHEREAS, both place share similarities in its rich culture, having been declared by UNESCO as Common Heritage of Mankind where the only remaining place having preserved a walled city, is located in Carribean de Indias, and in Asia, the only walled city is at Intramuros of Manila, Philippines, and aside from being known as the only Asian country with Hispanic roots;

WHEREAS, Honorable Mayor William Dau, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, signifies his support to maintain and promote bilateral cooperation between the City of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia and the City of Manila to work hand in hand towards the enhancement of its rich culture, with diversified artistic manifestation and eventually be recognized by UNESCO, as Twin World Capital for the Performing Arts, which was submitted for evaluation and appropriate action to the City Council, for the passage of a Sister-City Agreement;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Manila likewise deemed it meritorious and essentially contributory to further enhance and strengthen the friendly ties with the Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, consistent with the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation and amity with all Nations, thus manifests its concurrence: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to reaffirm, as it hereby reaffirms Sister-City Relationship Agreement of the City of Manila with the City of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the City Mayor of Manila, Honorable Maria Sheilah "Honey" Lacuna-Pangan, MD, FPDS, be authorized to execute and sign said reaffirmation; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the City Government of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, through its City Council and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) for their information and reference.



PRESIDED BY:

JOHN MARVIN C. Yul Servo" NIETO Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on August 25, 2022.

ATTESTED:

City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council

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