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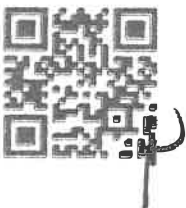
REGULAR SESSION NO. 8  
12<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL

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**RESOLUTION NO. 181**  
**Series of 2022**

**RESOLUTION** EXPRESSING WARMEST SALUTATIONS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG MAYNILA TO THE FAITHFUL OF BINONDO AND DEVOTEES OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ FOR THE 35<sup>TH</sup> CANONIZATION ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHILIPPINES' PROTOMARTYR AND FIRST FILIPINO SAINT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ON OCTOBER 18, 2022

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WHEREAS, Lorenzo Ruiz was born to a Chinese man and a Filipino woman between the tail end of 16<sup>th</sup> and first year of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and baptized at Binondo Church, first known as Iglesia y Casa de San Gabriel;

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Ruiz served as an altar server and sacristan in his younger years at San Gabriel, and later on, worked as a scribe for the parish's clergy;

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Ruiz decided to join a contingent of Dominican priest and catechists for an overseas mission;

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Ruiz, along with other companions, was captured by the soldiers of the then ruling Tokugawa Shogunate in Japan and imprisoned before executed at the infamous execution site at Nishizaka Hill, Nagasaki in September 1637;

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Ruiz's unique story was discovered almost 350 years later and was promptly petitioned to be elevated as saint through the help of seasoned Dominican historian, the great late Fr. Fidel Villaroel, O.P.;

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Ruiz was recognized as the Philippines' protomartyr or the very first martyr for the faith, and beatified during Pope John Paul II's first apostolic visit to the Philippines on February 18, 1981 in Luneta which is considered the very first beatification rite outside the original beatification grounds at St. Peter's Basilica;

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Ruiz was elevated to sainthood upon the Vatican's approval of the case of Cecilia Alegria Policarpio's healing from a baffling, rare and incurable brain disorder as a miracle attributed to his intercession;

WHEREAS, San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, together with 15 other Asian and European martyrs of Nagasaki from 1633 to 1637, was canonized on October 18, 1987 at the Vatican by Pope John Paul II, making him the first Filipino Saint of the Roman Catholic Church;

WHEREAS, San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila's hometown of Binondo commemorates the 35<sup>th</sup> canonization anniversary on October 18, 2022 to remember his historic and heavenly elevation to sainthood and honor him as a loving father, faithful husband, diligent worker of his church, and a great servant of our Lord Jesus Christ;

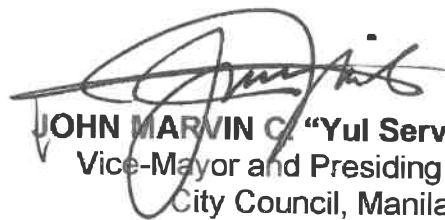
WHEREAS, San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila's canonization shall be deemed as a proud moment for our city because he is an extraordinary Manileño whose perseverance, bravery and fervent devotion to his Christian faith brought him to holiness, thus, worthy of admiration and recognition from his fellow Manileños now and for generations to come: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to express, as it hereby expresses warmest salutations of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Maynila to the faithful of Binondo and devotees of San Lorenzo Ruiz for the 35<sup>th</sup> canonization anniversary of the Philippines' Protomartyr and first Filipino saint of the Roman Catholic church on October 18, 2022; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copies of this Resolution be furnished the Minor Basilica and National Shrine of San Lorenzo Ruiz in Binondo, Manila.



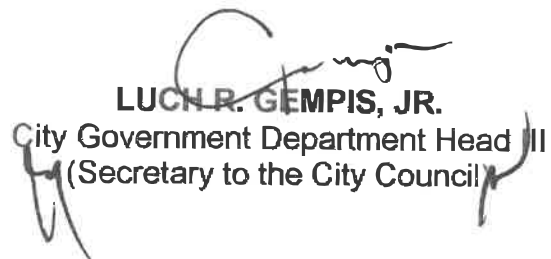
PRESIDED BY:



**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 September 27, 2022.

ATTESTED:



**LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.**

City Government Department Head III  
(Secretary to the City Council)

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