

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING JUNE 24 OF EACH YEAR AS FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF MANILA.

WHEREAS, Manila was founded as a city by Miguel Lopez de Legaspi, first Spanish Governor, on June 24, 1571, on the banks of the Pasig River;

WHEREAS, it has been named in a Royal Decree of June 21, 1574, by King Philip II. "El Ensigne y Siempre Leal Ciudad", Distinguished and Ever Loyal City;

WHEREAS, its history which covers a span of 392 years is replete with great events that it is only fitting and proper that its founding be commemorated;

WHEREAS, its early trade with the Chinese, which is believed to have started as early as the 7th century, and with the Spaniards by galleons from Acapulco, Mexico and the eventual expansion of its foreign trade in 1837 with the establishment of the Russel & Sturgis of Boston in Manila attest to the determination of a people to be economically secure;

WHEREAS, the early founding of convents, churches and schools in Manila by the Franciscan, Dominican, Jesuit and Augustinian Recollect orders as early as 1577, and the subsequent establishment of universities and colleges, such as the University of Santo Tomas in 1611, the Colegio San Juan de Letran in 1640, and the Escuela Municipal (Ateneo de Manila) in 1859, express the desire of a people to gain knowledge and attain stature;

WHEREAS, the heroic struggle of Rajah Soliman who died fighting in Manila Bay against Martin de Goiti's flotilla on June 3, 1571, of Rajah Lakan-dula who staged the first Filipino revolt against Spain in 1574, and of Magat Salamat who led the Tondo conspiracy of 1587-88; the brave fight of Manila against the British Forces in 1762; and the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal at Bagumbayan on December 30, 1896, which signalled the outbreak of the revolution against Spain, evince the desire and determination of the people to be free and independent;

WHEREAS, as we pause to commemorate the historic day and look back through the years, Manila which has become the most progressive chartered city and principal port, the hub of intellectual activity in the Philippines and the seat of the national government stands as the symbol of the desire, willingness and determination of the Filipino people to be free, secure and independent;

WHEREAS, in view of the importance of the historic event, it is urged that Manila's Foundation Day as a city be celebrated to the end that the event be cherished in the hearts of the inhabitants thereof and inspire them and the Filipino people as a whole to greater dedication and endeavor for the welfare of the country: Now, therefore,

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Be it ordained by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila,
that:

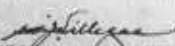
SECTION 1. June 24 of each year is hereby declared as
Foundation Day of the City of Manila.


SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its
approval.

Enacted by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila at its
regular session today, June 20, 1963.

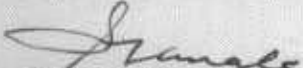
Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on *August 10, 1963.*


APPROVED:


ANTONIO J. VILLEGAS
Mayor
City of Manila


HERMINIO A. ASTORIN
Acting Vice-Mayor and
Presiding Officer, Municipal Board

ATTESTED:


SERAFIN P. MANALO
Secretary to the Mayor


IRENEO KOMOSEN
Secretary, Municipal Board

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