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12<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL

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**RESOLUTION NO. 16**  
Series of 2023

**RESOLUTION** COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE TASK FORCE ON ANTI-ROAD OBSTRUCTION OF MANILA FOR THE SUCCESSFUL AND PEACEFUL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE IN QUIAPO AND THE FEAST OF STO. NIÑO IN TONDO AND PANDACAN, MANILA

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and

**HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.**  
Majority Floor Leader



WHEREAS, a composite team was organized that created the Task Force on Anti-Road Obstruction consisting of selected members from the Department of Public Services, the Manila Traffic and Parking Bureau, the Department of Engineering and Public Works, the Manila Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, the Manila Police District, the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Manila Barangay Bureau;

WHEREAS, still reeling from the effects of the pandemic, the Task Force was created to oversee the implementation of several national and local issuances like liquor ban around the premises of the celebration and the other existing health protocols in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, every year on January 9, millions of Filipinos gather in Manila for a procession of the Black Nazarene, or Poong Itim na Nazareno, a life-sized statue of a suffering Jesus fallen under the weight of the cross, along a 6.5 km route from Rizal Park to the Minor Basilica in Quiapo. Few religious celebrations anywhere in the world can match this feast in terms of the number and fervor of devotees surrounding the procession;

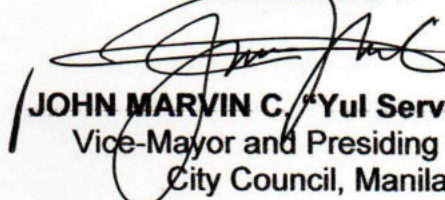
WHEREAS, the Feast of the Sto. Niño is a religious event celebrated every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of January in Tondo and Pandacan districts and other parts of the country. Filipinos have a strong devotion to the Holy Child as can be seen through the presence of the Sto. Niño's image everywhere from houses to offices and from shops to jeepneys. This devotion is as old as Christianity itself in the Philippines. Colorful festivals such as the Sinulog in Cebu tells the story of the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines and the acceptance of the faith by the locals;

WHEREAS, overall assessment of both celebrations is encouraging and no less than the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Benhur Abalos praised the orderliness and peaceful conduct of the feasts: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to commend and congratulate, as it hereby commends and congratulates the Task Force on Anti-Road Obstruction of Manila for the successful and peaceful celebration of the Feast of the Black Nazarene in Quiapo and the Feast of Sto. Niño in Tondo and Pandacan, Manila; and be it FURTHER

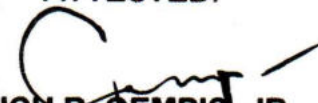
RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the chiefs of the participating agencies and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

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 January 24, 2023.

ATTESTED:

  
**LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.**  
City Government Department Head III  
(Secretary to the City Council)