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RESOLUTION DECLARING WORLD RENOWNED FASHION DESIGNER REY
MICHAEL L. LEYVA, AS AN ADOPTED SON OF THE CITY OF MANILA

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and

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Majority Floor Leader



WHEREAS, Rey Michael L. Leyva is the fourth son of Nanay Merly Leyva's six children. He witnessed his older brother, Brian Leyva, designing and making dresses from scratch in the family living room when he was ten years old. Brian occasionally requested that he purchase sewing supplies from Divisoria. He had no intention of following in the footsteps of Brian;

WHEREAS, Michael earned his degree in tourism from the University of St. Thomas. Tomas. At Central Saint Martins in London, he completed a course in fashion design. Additionally, he enrolled in fashion classes taught by renowned local fashion designer Jojie Lloren. His tragic life story was covered in the docuseries "Maalaala Mo Kaya.";

WHEREAS, for the first time in the National Museum's history, Michael celebrated his tenth year as a fashion designer there. He unveiled the 50-piece Hiraya collection at the fashion show;

WHEREAS, Michael reassembled his team in 2020 to develop personal protective equipment (PPE) for Filipino healthcare professionals. Hospitals across the nation experienced a PPE shortage when COVID-19 struck. At least 3,000 hazmat suits, headgear, and 5,000 washable face masks were donated by Michael;

WHEREAS, Michael Leyva was one of four brands represented on the final night of Arab Fashion Week 2022. As a part of Dubai's Design District (D3), he presented his Diamond Collection. From the Philippines, he brought 30 pieces of clothing;

WHEREAS, in addition, other local celebrities that Michael has designed for include Vice Ganda, Andrea Brillantes, Anne Curtis, Pia Wurtzbach, Regine Velasquez, especially for her R3.0 (concert), and Kris Aquino for the "Crazy Rich Asians" premiere in Hollywood. Likewise, former Vice President Leni Robredo favors Michael as a designer;

WHEREAS, Rampa Manila, the City of Manila's first fashion show, will be held on 20 June 2023, which aims to showcase the best of Philippine style. The runway show is a component of the festivities honoring the 452nd Founding Anniversary of Manila City. The mission of the city government is to highlight Manila's rich culture and history through the medium of fashion. The exhibition will feature some of his creations as well as four other renowned fashion designers who have drawn inspiration from the rich heritage of the city and the country. The exhibition will feature a range of fashions, including contemporary and traditional Filipino attire;

WHEREAS, Rey Michael Leyva is one of the five remarkable fashion designers whose works will be featured at Rampa Manila, the first ever fashion show hosted by the City Government of Manila under the tutelage of the Honorable Mayor, Maria Sheilah "Honey" H. Lacuna-Pangan, MD, FPDS, as part of the 452nd Founding Anniversary of the City of Manila: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to declare, as it hereby declares world renowned fashion designer Rey Michael L. Leyva, as an adopted son of the City of Manila.

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PRESIDED BY:


JOHANNA MAUREEN C. NIETO-RODRIGUEZ
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on June 20, 2023.

ATTESTED:


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

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