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**ORDINANCE NO. 8948**

**AN ORDINANCE** DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE EVERY YEAR AS "BALIK DISIPLINA SA SARILI" MONTH IN THE CITY OF MANILA AND DIRECTING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION DRIVES, PROMOTE AND CONDUCT MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF MANILA

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The month of June every year serves as the most auspicious time to celebrate our identity as proud citizens of this country during the celebration and observation of the "Araw ng Kalayaan" on June 12<sup>th</sup> and in view of the founding anniversary of the City of Manila more known as "Araw ng Maynila" on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Such celebrations are a reminder of our proud history as law-abiding citizens in one of the oldest cities in the country.

The significance of Independence Day and Manila's Foundation Day lies in the struggle of the strong Filipinos that came before, martyrs that have fought to attain freedom and independence of this proud country.

Such heroes and ancestors have demonstrated their ability to focus on their shared goals, push forward, stay motivated and take action regardless of the hardships and struggles that they have continued to face along the way.

Today's fast-paced, impersonal and social media-driven lifestyles of the latest generation of Filipinos born from the year 1981 to the early 2000's, more known for their label, Millennials and Generation Z or "Gen Z", have, in some way, dulled their understanding and value for compassion for their fellow countrymen, love of one's country and shared concept of hard work, sacrifice and above all else, self-discipline.

Every facet and every sector in the community of people require acts of self-discipline in order to improve one's way of life by acts such as: (a) obeying traffic rules, (b) paying correct taxes, (c) taking care of and being mindful of the environment and natural resources, (d) promoting a healthy lifestyle, and (e) studying diligently in the pursuit of one's goal.

This Ordinance seeks to remind Manileños of the importance of observing a kind of self-discipline that can collectively affect the quality of life of each citizen, reminding others of the necessity to be mindful and understand one's surroundings and treating it with respect through maintaining and observing self-discipline. Such acts are important in ensuring that the efforts of those that came before us are not in vain.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.

  
**HON. LUCIANO M. VELOSO**  
Councilor, Sixth District  
Manila

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, in session assembled, *THAT*:

**SECTION 1. Balik Disiplina sa Sarili Month.** – The month of June every year is hereby declared as “BALIK DISIPLINA SA SARILI MONTH” in the City of Manila.

**SEC. 2. Observance.** – The City Government of Manila, in coordination with concerned local government agencies, offices and departments, shall plan and conduct the appropriate ceremonies, programs and activities in line with the observance of the Balik Disiplina sa Sarili Month in the City of Manila.

The program shall include:

- a. Regular weekly clean-up drives in each respective barangays;
- b. Random inspection of public utility vehicles;
- c. Enforcing city ordinances on basic health and hygiene;
- d. Observing school values and education seminars;
- e. Conducting nutritional feeding programs;
- f. Conducting a physical fitness and lifestyle program;
- g. Proper pedestrian and public utility vehicle (PUV) passenger etiquette; and
- h. Other like-minded activities that are inclusive for women, children, youth, senior citizens, PWDs, heads of families, workers and entrepreneurs.

**SEC. 3. Separability Clause.** – If any provisions, sections or part of this Ordinance shall be suspended, revoked, or declared null and void by competent authority or the Supreme Court, all other provisions, sections, or parts hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** – All ordinances, rulings, and issuances that are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause.** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

This Ordinance was finally enacted by the City Council of Manila on April 18, 2023.



