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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE URGENT NEED AND IMPORTANCE FOR THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE ICONIC MANILA CITY HALL CLOCK TOWER IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, ESPECIALLY BARANGAY OFFICES WITHIN THE CITY OF MANILA

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WHEREAS, Philippine Standard Time (PST) was instituted through Batas Pambansa Blg. 8, also known as an Act Defining the Metric System and its Units, Providing for its Implementation and for Other Purposes, approved on December 2, 1978, and implemented on January 1, 1983. The Philippines is one of the few countries to officially and almost exclusively use the 12-hour clock in non-military situations;

WHEREAS, on September 2011, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) proposed to synchronize time nationwide to discourage tardiness and non-standard time displayed on television and radio stations;

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2013, President Benigno Aquino III signed the Republic Act No. 10535, setting the Philippine Standard Time (PST) and requiring all government offices and media networks to synchronize their timepieces with PAGASA's rubidium atomic clock;

WHEREAS, the Manila City Hall Clock Tower is an iconic symbol of the city's history and heritage. It has stood since its construction in the early 20th century, making it a witness to many historical events and developments in Manila;

WHEREAS, the Manila City Hall Clock Tower is set to Philippine Standard Time (PST), and its primary function is to display the time accurately for the residents of Manila. Its large clock faces are visible from various points in the city, making it a reliable timekeeping reference for locals and visitors alike;

WHEREAS, the accurate and synchronized timing of government operations is crucial for efficient and effective service delivery to the public;

WHEREAS, the City of Manila, being the capital and a major center of commerce and governance, requires utmost precision in timekeeping to ensure seamless coordination and cooperation among its various agencies and departments;

WHEREAS, synchronization of time will be a great help in the effective use of surveillance technology. In urban areas like Manila, surveillance cameras are essential tools for crime prevention and monitoring. Synchronized time ensures that video footages and images from these cameras are consistent, making it easier for law enforcement to track suspects and gather evidences;

WHEREAS, it can also improve crime analysis, as accurate timestamps on reported incidents and crime-related data for more robust crime analysis. Law enforcement can identify patterns, trends, and hotspots more effectively, enabling targeted deployment of resources to prevent and respond to crime;

WHEREAS, in situations where quick emergency responses are crucial, synchronized time ensures that emergency services are dispatched promptly and efficiently. This can save lives and prevent further criminal activities from escalating:
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

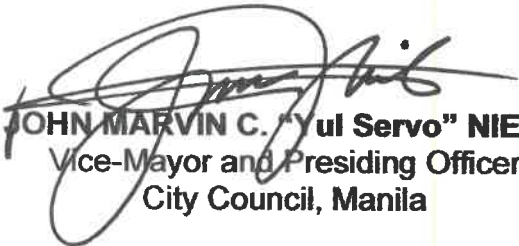
RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to express, as it hereby expresses the urgent need and importance for the synchronization of the Iconic Manila City Hall Clock Tower in the local government offices, especially barangay offices within the City of Manila; and be it FURTHER

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RESOLVED, that the City Council of Manila calls upon the cooperation and support of all officials, employees, and staff to abide by the synchronized Manila City Hall Clock Tower to enhance productivity and public service delivery within the City of Manila: and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished all local government offices, especially the Manila Barangay Bureau, for dissemination to barangay offices in the City of Manila for their immediate action and compliance.

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 August 8, 2023.

ATTESTED:


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