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RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MANILA TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY MEASURES ON ENDOCRINE-DISRUPTING CHEMICALS

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WHEREAS, the City of Manila is committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of its populace, especially vulnerable groups such as children;

WHEREAS, the EcoWaste Coalition organized a seminar on the 5th of September 2003, highlighting the detrimental health impacts of endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs), which are present in various materials and products;

WHEREAS, experts from the Philippines and South Korea have emphasized the ubiquity of EDC exposure and its association with numerous health issues such as neurological disorders, reproductive abnormalities, weakened immune systems, obesity, and cancer among other health issues across the world;

WHEREAS, the studies conducted by the EcoWaste Coalition, Interfacing Development Interventions for Sustainability (IDIS), and Wonjin Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health (WIOEH) have found high levels of phthalates in some products from the Philippines compared to regulated products from South Korea;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need for comprehensive regulation, heightened public awareness, and the development of safer alternatives to protect the population from the health risks associated with EDC exposure;

WHEREAS, common endocrine-disrupting chemicals include, but are not limited to Bisphenol A (BPA), Phthalates, Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), heavy metals such as Lead and Mercury, Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), Dioxins, Atrazine, Organophosphates, Triclosan, Parabens, Ethylene Thiourea (ETU), and Zearalenone (ZEN);

WHEREAS, there is a need to urge the City Government of Manila to:

- 1.) Develop Comprehensive Regulatory Measures.
- 2.) Craft regulations that restrict or prohibit the use of identified EDCs in products, especially those intended for children, aligning with or surpassing the safety standards set by other nations with successful regulatory frameworks, like South Korea.
- 3.) Promote Public Awareness: Launch an information dissemination campaign to educate the populace on the dangers of EDCs and precautionary measures to minimize exposure.
- 4.) Encourage Research and Development of Safer Alternatives: Foster partnerships with research institutions and industry stakeholders to develop safer alternatives to products containing EDCs.
- 5.) Collaborate for Biomonitoring and Research: Collaborate with organizations such as the EcoWaste Coalition, IDIS, and WIOEH to undertake biomonitoring research to monitor the presence and impact of EDCs in the community and to assess the effectiveness of regulatory measures.

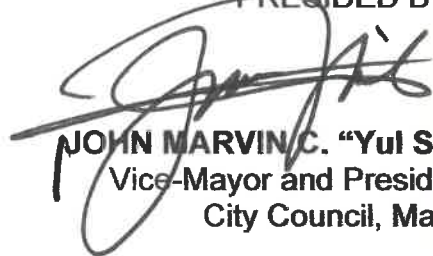
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City of Manila to urge, as it hereby urges the City Government of Manila to formulate and implement Comprehensive Regulatory Measures on Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals; and be it FURTHER



RESOLVED, that the appropriate committee be directed to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation to formulate appropriate measures to mitigate the impact of EDCs on the health of the citizens of Manila.

PRESIDED BY:



JOHN MARVIN C. "Yul Servo" NIETO
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on September 12, 2023.

ATTESTED:



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