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RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE FALSE ENDORSEMENT OF OSTEOARTHRITIS TREATMENTS BY SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT MISLEADING HEALTH INFORMATION

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WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has issued a public warning on November 14, 2023, regarding the misleading promotion of a supposed treatment for osteoarthritis, falsely using the name of Secretary Teodoro Herbosa;

WHEREAS, such deceptive practices not only mislead the public but also undermine the credibility of legitimate medical treatments and advices;


WHEREAS, the DOH has expressed intent to collaborate with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other relevant government entities to investigate these fraudulent activities;

WHEREAS, it is essential for the public to rely on validated information from legitimate sources for their health and well-being, hence, the following steps should be undertaken to resolve the issue:

- Support the DOH in their efforts to investigate and take legal action against individuals or organizations responsible for spreading misleading health information;
- Encourage Manila residents to seek health information from legitimate and verified sources, and to be cautious of unverified medical claims, especially those found in unsolicited advertisements;
- Encourage relevant city health agencies to coordinate with the DOH and the FDA in monitoring and reporting any similar cases of misleading health information within Manila;
- Urge the city's public information office to initiate awareness campaigns, educating the public about the risks of unverified health treatments and the importance of consulting healthcare professionals: **NOW, THEREFORE, be it**


RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to condemn, as it hereby condemns the false endorsement of osteoarthritis treatment by supporting the Department of Health's efforts to combat misleading health information.

PRESIDED BY:


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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on November 23, 2023.

ATTESTED:


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