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**RESOLUTION NO. 598
Series of 2023**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "18-DAY CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN" ANNUALLY OBSERVED ON NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 12, IN RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF WOMEN

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and

**HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.,
Majority Floor Leader**



WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to recognize the role of women in nation-building, as well as protect women through ensuring equality before the law and enhance their welfare through facilities and opportunities, pursuant to Section 14 of Article II and Section 14 of Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to exert efforts to address the violence inflicted upon women, in recognition of the dignity of women and their children, as well as the rights that allow them to live their lives free from the threat of harm or violence in accordance with the Republic Act No. 9262;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9262, also known as the "Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004", defines violence against women and their children as any act or a series of acts committed by any person against a woman who is a wife, former wife, or against a woman with whom the person or had a sexual or dating relationship, or with whom he has a common child, or against her child whether legitimate or illegitimate, which result in or is likely to result in physical, sexual, psychological harm or suffering, or economic abuse;

WHEREAS, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), one in five or eighteen percent (18%) of the population of women aged fifteen (15) to forty-nine (49) had experienced physical, sexual, or emotional violence from their husband or intimate partner; while on the international scale, one in three or approximately thirty-three percent of the global population of women had experienced either violence from an intimate partner or non-partner in their lifetime according to the World Health Organization (WHO);

WHEREAS, in accordance to the Republic Act No. 10398 also known as "An Act Declaring November Twenty-Five of Every Year As 'National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children'", November 25 commences the "18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women" in pursuant to Proclamation No. 1172, Series of 2006;

WHEREAS, for the year 2023, the theme for the campaign is "UNITEd for a VAW-free Philippines", aligning with the United Nations Women's UNITE by 2030 to End VAW Campaign aiming to revisit and amend existing laws that protect women with updated information, launch and aid information campaigns about the status of VAW in the Philippines, and gather public support, awareness, and knowledge for the advocacy;

WHEREAS, on 25 November 2023, thousands marched across the world in an effort to raise awareness about and denounce violence against women, while similarly, Manileños and other advocates conducted a march to condemn VAW earlier today;


WHEREAS, the City Council of Manila greatly values the role of women in our society and to nation building, as well as their inherent dignity as citizens and as human beings with inherent rights vested by the 1987 Constitution and international agreements: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to support, as it hereby supports the "18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women" annually observed on November 25 to December 12, in recognition of the rights and dignity of women; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the Philippine Commission on Women Executive Director Atty. Kristine Rosary E. Yuzon-Chaves.



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 November 28, 2023.

ATTESTED:


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

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