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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSING OF 19TH CONGRESS SENATE BILL NO. 2456 OR THE "KABALIKAT SA HANAPBUHAY ACT", AUTHORED BY SENATOR HONORABLE JOSE "JINGGOY" PIMENTEL EJERCITO, FOR THE BENEFIT OF INDIGENT JOB SEEKERS AND THE REVITALIZATION OF THE LABOR FORCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CITY OF MANILA

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WHEREAS, according to the Philippine Development Plan for the years 2023 to 2028, the labor force participation rate that had sunk 59.5 in 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic had increasingly recovered, to 59.5 percent in 2021 and 63.3 in 2022, however there are still vulnerabilities existing in the labor force and market, with 36 in every 100 households suffering from unemployment, as well as large untapped sections of the population being underemployed and unemployed, mainly from below the poverty line;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution, the State, and therefore the City Government of Manila, is obliged to provide adequate social services through its policies for the promotion of full employment, a rising standard of living, and improved quality of life for all citizens;

WHEREAS, similarly, the State is obligated to confer to the citizens of the Philippines full protection of labor, whether organized or unorganized, as well as to promote full employment and equality of opportunities among the citizens of the Philippines in compliance to Article XIII, Section 3 of the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2456, in recognition of the importance of the labor force in a recovering economy, seeks to help indigent job seekers or job seekers living under the poverty line who are unable to secure proper documents for employment that would allow them to work and alleviate themselves from the ails of their poverty;

WHEREAS, the "Kabalikat Sa Hanapbuhay Act" seeks to provide indigent job seekers a discount of twenty percent (20%) or waived on fees and charges in the issuance of clearances from the public sector utilized in job applications, concurrent with the waiving of fees for the necessary certificates and documents for pre-employment from the following institutions: Philippine Statistics Authority, government hospitals, National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine National Police, and local barangays;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2456, authored by Hon. Jose Pimentel Ejercito, aims to strengthen social protection of those who are disadvantaged and marginalized by enabling them to participate in the labor force for the improvement of their quality of life, in simultaneity with other social protection programs such as the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Manila greatly values the role of the labor force to the development of the local economy, especially to a recovering one after a downturn, as well as the obligation of the national and local government in uplifting and improving the lives those living under the poverty line: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to support, as it hereby supports the passing of 19th Congress Senate Bill No. 2456 or the "Kabalikat Sa Hanapbuhay Act", authored by Senator Honorable Jose "Jinggoy" Pimentel Ejercito, for the benefit of indigent job seekers and the revitalization of the labor force, especially in the City of Manila; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be furnished the Office of Hon. Jose "Jinggoy" Pimentel Ejercito and the Office of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).



PRESIDED BY:



MACARIO M. LACSON
President Pro-Tempore and
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on November 30, 2023.

ATTESTED:



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

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