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**RESOLUTION NO. 630  
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**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING BONIFACIO DAY IN RECOGNITION OF ANDRÉS BONIFACIO AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOVEREIGNTY, LIBERTY, AND NATIONALISM**

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WHEREAS, Andrés Bonifacio, considered to be the first President of the Philippines and was the leader and founder of the nationalist and revolutionary *Kataastaasang, Kagalang-galangang Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan* (KKK), as well as a co-founder of the *La Liga Filipina*, established in Tondo, Manila alongside national heroes such as Dr. Jose Rizal, Apolinario Mabini, and Graciano López Jaena among others.

WHEREAS, Andrés Bonifacio is recognized as a national hero for his significant role in national liberation and nation building in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, November 30 is known as a national holiday commemorating the national hero, Andrés Bonifacio, which is the date of his birth in Tondo, Manila to Catalina de Castro and Santiago Bonifacio;

WHEREAS, on August 24, 1896, at the convention of the *Kataastaasang Kapulungan* or National Assembly of the Katipunan at the barn of Melchora Aquino barn in Barrio Banlat, the Assembly, attended by the members of the *Kataastaasang Kapulungan, pangulo, sanggunian, and balangay* units, passed three major resolutions: 1. Declared a nationwide armed revolution against the Spanish colonizers; 2. Established a national government; and 3. Elected officials who would lead the nation and the revolution;

WHEREAS, the August 1896 cessation of the Katipunan as an underground society, its transformation into a revolutionary government with its own laws and bureaucratic structure, and ensuing election of Andrés Bonifacio to the presidency was attested by the historians Gregorio F. Zaide and Teodoro A. Agoncillo, a testimony from Pio Valenzuela, and letters from Andrés Bonifacio himself to Emilio Jacinto designating himself as the *Pangulo ng Kataastaasang Kapulungan, Kataastaasang Pangulo, Pangulo ng Haring Bayang Katagalugan, Maytayo ng K.K. Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan, and Kataastaasang Panguluhan, Pamahalaang Panghihimsik,*

WHEREAS, in affirming the position of Andrés Bonifacio as the First President of the Philippines, contemporary Spanish publication *La Ilustracion Española y America* have published an article on the Philippine Revolution containing a portrait of Andrés Bonifacio, addressing him as "*Andres Bonifacio/ Titulado (President) de la Republica tagala*";

WHEREAS, the City Council of Manila recognizes the role of Andrés Bonifacio and his Revolutionary Government which heralded sovereignty and liberty, to which fellow Manileños and the Filipino people enjoy in the present day; NOW THEREFORE be it;

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to commemorate, as it hereby commemorates Bonifacio Day in recognition of Andrés Bonifacio as the First President of the Philippines, and his contributions to Sovereignty, Liberty, and Nationalism; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Offices of National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Executive Director Mr. Oscar G. Casaysay in the NCCA Building, Gen. Luna Street, Intramuros, Manila; and Manila City Punong Lungsod Mayor Maria Sheilah "Honey" H. Lacuna-Pangan, MD, FPDS in Manila City Hall, Ermita, Manila.



PRESIDED BY:



**TERRENCE P. ALBARBAR**  
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on December 12, 2023.

ATTESTED:



**LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.**  
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