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RESOLUTION STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MENDICANCY LAW OF 1978 SUPPORTING THE OPLAN PAG-ABOT PROGRAM IN MANILA

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WHEREAS, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has issued an appeal to the public to refrain from giving alms to street beggars in adherence to Presidential Decree No. 1563 otherwise known as the "Mendicancy Law of 1978", as this practice perpetuates begging activities and poses risks to the safety of individuals and families in street situations;

WHEREAS, Oplan Pag-Abot Program aims to address the challenges faced by individuals and families living on the streets, with the goal of reintegrating them into mainstream society and providing them with necessary support services;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of upholding the Mendicancy Law of 1978 and supporting DSWD's Oplan Pag-Abot Program to address the root causes of mendicancy and improve the well-being of vulnerable populations. Hence, the following measures should be considered:

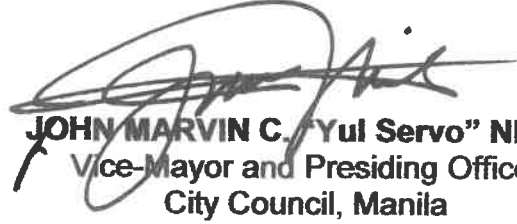
- 1.) Affirm its commitment to enforcing the Mendicancy Law of 1978 within the city limits, discouraging the practice of giving alms to street beggars and raising public awareness about the negative consequences of such actions;
- 2.) Express support for Oplan Pag-Abot Program and encourage collaboration with the DSWD and other relevant government agencies to facilitate the successful implementation of the program in the city, including, but not limited to, allocation of resources and support services to individuals and families affected by street situations;
- 3.) Encourage relevant city departments and agencies to coordinate efforts with the DSWD and other stakeholders to identify and implement strategies for preventing and addressing mendicancy in Manila, including outreach programs, community-based interventions and social services provision; and
- 4.) Urge the public to report instances of mendicancy and street begging to the appropriate authorities for prompt action and intervention in line with the provisions of the Mendicancy Law of 1978 and related ordinances: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to strengthen, as it hereby strengthens the implementation of the Mendicancy Law of 1978 and supporting the Oplan Pag-Abot Program in Manila; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Secretary Rexlon Ting Gatchalian of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).



PRESIDED BY:



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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on March 5, 2024.

ATTESTED:



LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
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