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RESOLUTION ENHANCING CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS AND PROMOTING MEANS AND PRACTICES TO PREVENT CYBER IDENTITY THEFT IN MANILA

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WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police Anti-Cybercrime Group (PNP-ACG) has reported a 12.2 percent increase in cyber identity theft cases in 2023, with 1,597 cases logged compared to 1,402 cases in 2022;

WHEREAS, cyber identity theft poses a significant threat to the citizens of Manila which involves the unauthorized acquisition and use of personal information through online platforms;

WHEREAS, these cybercrimes are often perpetrated through phishing, scams, downloading malicious software, exploiting social media platforms, insecure networks, and compromised data systems;

WHEREAS, Major General Sidney Hernia of the PNP-ACG has emphasized the importance of public awareness in safeguarding against cyber identity theft, highlighting the need for caution in sharing personal information, clicking unknown links, and ensuring secure website connections;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Manila recognizes the importance of cybersecurity in protecting the welfare of its citizens and the integrity of personal information. Hence, the following measures should be considered:

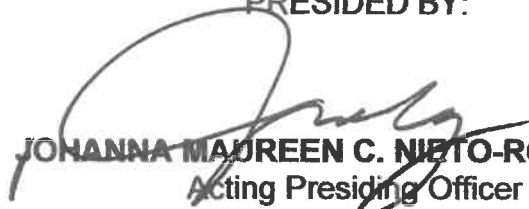
- 1.) The City Council of Manila shall initiate and support a city-wide cybersecurity awareness campaign to educate the public on safe online practices, the risks of cyber identity theft and preventive measures to avoid the same.
- 2.) Collaborate with local law enforcement, especially the PNP Anti-Cybercrime Group, to develop workshops, seminars and training sessions for citizens, focusing on recognizing and avoiding cyber threats.
- 3.) Encourage the use of secured and verified digital platforms for transactions involving personal and sensitive information, specifically, promoting the "https://" protocol for secure web browsing.
- 4.) The City Government shall partner with educational institutions to integrate basic cybersecurity education into the curriculum, in order to ensure that young people are equipped with the basic knowledge to navigate the digital world safely.
- 5.) Establish a local task force dedicated in addressing cybercrimes, providing support to victims and coordinating with national agencies for effective resolution of such cases.
- 6.) Call upon business establishments and organizations in Manila to strengthen their cybersecurity protocols and collaborate in awareness campaign, ensuring united efforts against cyber identity theft.
- 7.) Urge the citizens of Manila to remain vigilant, proactive, and informed about their digital presence and the protection of their personal information: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to enhance, as it hereby enhances cybersecurity awareness and promotes means and practices to prevent cyber identity theft in Manila; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC).



PRESIDED BY:



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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on February 15, 2024.

ATTESTED:



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