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RESOLUTION GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY'S INTENSIFIED REGULATION OF ONLINE SELLING IN SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS SUCH AS FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, SHOPPABLE POSTS, TWITTER SHOPS, AMONG OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OFFERING MYSTERY BOXES OR PARCELS, TO ENSURE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND UPHOLD FAIR TRADE PRACTICES;

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WHEREAS, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Assistant Secretary Amanda Nograles stated that online shops which sells mystery items must undergo stringent verification procedures by providing evidence regarding the sourcing of the items offered on their platforms;

WHEREAS, she also said that sellers are required to substantiate the origin of items by demonstrating acquisition through legal means, including proof of purchase from valid auctions or confirmation of legality from sources such as the Bureau of Customs (BOC) or legitimate means like abandoned parcels or "balikbayan" boxes;

WHEREAS, on the other hand, failure to provide such proof results rampant circulation of illegally sourced items such as stolen products from warehouses, which violates Presidential Decree No. 1612 otherwise known as the "Anti-Fencing Law";

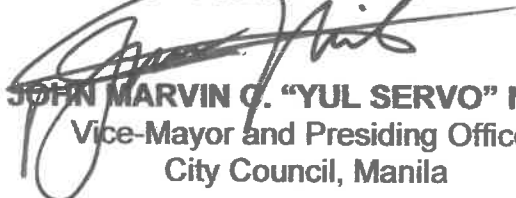
WHEREAS, the Anti-Fencing Law prohibits the selling of stolen goods or items obtained through illicit means in which both sellers and buyers can be criminally charged if these items were indeed sourced from nefarious activity;

WHEREAS, the DTI's move to tighten regulations on online sellers aims to safeguard consumers from potentially fraudulent or unsafe products. At the same time, promote transparency and accountability within the e-commerce sector: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manilla to give, as it hereby gives full support to the Department of Trade and Industry's intensified regulation of online selling in social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Shoppable Posts, Twitter Shops, among others, particularly those offering mystery boxes or parcels, to ensure consumer protection and uphold fair trade practices; and be it FURTHER


RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the concerned online selling social media platforms, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and other relevant government agencies for their attention and appropriate action.

PRESIDED BY:


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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on February 20, 2024.

ATTESTED:


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