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RESOLUTION NO. 256 Series of 2024

RESOLUTION PROMOTING LOCAL CUISINE FROM THE CITY OF MANILA AND SUPPORTING THE CITIZENS PARTICIPATION IN FLAVORS OF NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EVENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUWAN NG KALUTONG PILIPINO, TO BE HELD AT THE FILINVEST CITY, CENTRAL PARK, ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY ON THE 19TH AND 20TH OF APRIL 2024

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HON. NIÑO M. DELA CRUZ

and

HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR. Majority Floor Leader



WHEREAS, former President of the Philippines, Hon. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, declared the month of April of every year since 2018 as the "Filipino Food Month" or the "Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino" through Presidential Proclamation No. 469, Series of 2018, done as a celebration of agriculture, heritage, cultures, and culinary traditions embedded in Filipino cuisine;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) shall lead the celebration of the Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino, wherein local government units and private entities are encouraged to participate;

WHEREAS, Filipino cuisine offers a glimpse at the rich and diverse history and culture present in Filipino society, manifesting the melding of cultures and identities, especially at the intermingling of cultures brought about by globalization, through trade or occupation in the pre-colonial, colonial, and contemporary eras, exhibiting the values of the country and its people such as resilience, resourcefulness, and creativity;

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Jr. and Special Concerns Undersecretary and Chairman of Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino celebrations, Mr. Jerome V. Oliveros, spearheaded the launching of the Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino 2024, themed: "Pagkaing Sariling Atin, Mahalin at Pagyamanin", which aims to advocate for local food, cuisine, gastronomy, farm tourism, and preservation of Filipino culinary history and heritage, at the Department of Agriculture lobby on the 8th of April 2024, along with the NCCA, Department of Tourism (DOT), and Philippine Culinary Heritage Movement;

WHEREAS, "Flavors of NCR" is among the many events and activities to be conducted in celebration of the Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino 2024, wherein different cuisines and dishes from the Metropolitan Manila area will be showcased;

WHEREAS, the event shall be prefaced by Department of Tourism, Culture and Arts of Manila Director Charlie DJ. Dungo and the participants entry shall include Manila City's very own Lechon Pares ni Lakay and Aling Consuelo Original Halo-Halo;

WHEREAS, the preservation of Filipino cuisine is an essential step in the promotion of Filipino culture and heritage as food is a means of connecting and binding Filipino citizens to one another in a shared identity, given that cuisine is a tangible counterpart of cultural heritage; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to promote, as it hereby promotes local cuisine from the City of Manila and supporting the citizens participation in Flavors of National Capital Region event, in conjunction with the Buwan ng Kalutong Pilipino, to be held at the Filinvest City, Central Park, Alabang, Muntinlupa City on the 19th and 20th of April 2024; be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Mr. Charlie DJ. Dungo, Director of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Arts of Manila.

PRESIDED BY:

JOHN MARVIN C "Yul Servo" NIETO Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer

City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on April 18, 2024.

ATTESTED:

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

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