

## Republic of the Philippines CITY COUNCIL City of Manila

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12<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 412**

Series of 2024

**RESOLUTION** ENCOURAGING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE CITY OF MANILA TO CONCEPTUALIZE PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PRIDE MONTH THIS JUNE 2024

**PRINCIPAL AUTHORS:** 

HON. RUBEN F. BUENAVENTURA

and

HON. JOEL "JTV" VILLANUEVA Acting Majority Floor Leader



WHEREAS, every June of the year, Pride Month is widely observed and celebrated in the Philippines and globally to embrace the diversity of people and to empower the people who are part of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) and other parts of the diverse gender and sexual identities;

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of Pride Month started after the series of violent rallies in 1969 in Manhattan, New York, known as the "Stonewall Riots", where gay rights activists fought back against the police as a response to the discriminatory government policies since the solicitation of homosexual relations are illegal back then in the area;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, the first LGBT Pride March started on June 26, 1994 when the Progressive Organization of Gays in the Philippines (PROGAY Philippines) and the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Manila organized a march to call for gender-exclusive policies and a safe space for all types of gender identity and expression. The march started from EDSA at Quezon Avenue to Quezon Memorial Circle with sixty (60) participants, making the same as first march intended for LGBTQIA+ rights in the Philippines and Asia;

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2020, the 11<sup>th</sup> City Council of Manila enacted Ordinance No. 8695 known as the "Manila LGBTQI Protection Ordinance of 2020". It was approved by then Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso on October 29, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Manila LGBTQI Protection Ordinance of 2020 is one of the steps of the City of Manila in making the city inclusive to all kinds of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression;

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of Pride Month every June is a continuous fight for the LGBTQIA+ community to have an environment inclusive for all gender spectrum: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to encourage, as it hereby encourages all government offices and private institutions in the City of Manila to conceptualize programs of activities relative to the annual celebration of Pride Month this June 2024; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Manila Public Information Office (MPIO) and to the Gender and Development (GAD) Office – Manila.

PRESIDED BY:

ANNA MAUREN C. NIETO-RODRIGUEZ

Acting Presiding Officer City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on June 4, 2024.

ATTESTED:

City Government Department Head III

(Secretary to the City Council

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