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**RESOLUTION NO. 589  
Series of 2024**

**RESOLUTION** ENCOURAGING THE MANILA HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ALL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF MANILA TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN PROGRAMS AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD RABIES DAY THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 WITH THE THEME "BREAKING RABIES BOUNDARIES"

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and

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



WHEREAS, the World Rabies Day, established by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) and aims for rabies elimination globally, is observed every September 28 of each year since 2007, which coincides the death anniversary of Louis Pasteur, who developed the first rabies vaccine in 1885;

WHEREAS, throughout more than one hundred fifty (150) countries, mostly in Asia and Africa, rabies is a severe public health concern. Ten thousand (10,000) people die from this neglected tropical virus every year and forty percent (40%) of those affected are under the age of fifteen (15);

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has announced a significant increase in rabies cases for the year 2024, reporting approximately one hundred sixty-nine (169) cases in May, which is higher than the infections recorded in the same month in 2023;

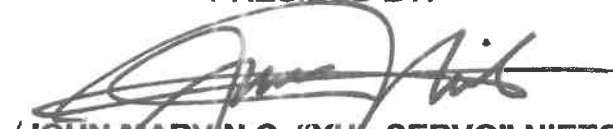
WHEREAS, according to the DOH records, the total number of reported rabies cases in humans from January to May 2024 is thirteen percent (13%) higher than the one hundred fifty (150) cases recorded in the same period last year. Of the reported cases, one hundred fifty-six (156) or ninety-two percent (92%) had a history of dog bites, while ten (10) or six percent (6%) had a history of cat bites and the remaining three (3) cases were reported to have a history of bites from other animals;

WHEREAS, in order to support efforts to control this fatal disease, observance of World Rabies Day serves as a deterrent to combat the disease: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to encourage, as it hereby encourages the Manila Health Department and all health organizations in the City of Manila to conduct campaign programs and awareness activities in observance of the World Rabies Day this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 with the theme "Breaking Rabies Boundaries"; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the City Health Officer of the Manila Health Department (MHD), Local Healthcare Institutions, the Manila Public Information Office (MPIO) and other related organizations.

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 September 26, 2024.

ATTESTED:

  
**LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.**  
City Government Department Head III  
(Secretary to the City Council)

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