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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST
CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, THE 266TH
POPE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ON 21 APRIL 2025

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WHEREAS, on March 13, 2013, His Holiness Pope Francis – born Jorge Mario Bergoglio – was elected as the 266th Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, becoming the first Jesuit Pope, the first from the Americas and the first non-European pontiff in more than 1,200 years;

WHEREAS, he chose the name “Francis” in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, symbolizing his dedication to humility, simplicity, service to the poor, and a Church that goes out to the peripheries to serve all, especially the most vulnerable;

WHEREAS, Pope Francis became a powerful global voice for mercy, compassion, and justice, championing issues such as environmental protection through his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, economic equity, the rights of migrants and refugees, and the dignity of all human life;

WHEREAS, he initiated and led profound reforms within the Roman Curia, enhancing transparency, accountability, and efficiency in Church governance, and advocated for a more synodal Church—one that listens deeply and walks together with the People of God;

WHEREAS, he expanded the Church's reach and relevance in the modern world by fostering interfaith dialogue, embracing pastoral approaches over rigid legalism, welcoming those who feel excluded, and calling the Church to be “a field hospital” that heals wounds rather than merely enforces doctrine;

WHEREAS, his Apostolic visit to the Philippines in January 2015 brought comfort and inspiration to millions, particularly those affected by Super Typhoon Yolanda, affirming the deep faith of the Filipino people and expressing the Church's solidarity with those in pain and poverty;

WHEREAS, the passing of Pope Francis marks not only the end of a remarkable papacy, but the continuation of a spiritual and moral legacy that has transformed hearts, challenged systems, and inspired renewed commitment to the Gospel in action: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to express, as it hereby expresses profound sympathy and sincerest condolences on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, the 266TH Pope of the Roman Catholic Church on 21 April 2025; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Apostolic Nunciature in the Philippines and to appropriate religious institutions, so that the legacy of Pope Francis may continue to inspire present and future generations of the faithful.

PRESIDED BY:



MACARIO M. LACSON
President Pro Tempore and
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City Council, Manila

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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on April 24, 2025.

ATTESTED:



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