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RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION (CSE) IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS INTEGRATED INTO THE K TO 12 CURRICULUM, DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO EQUIP STUDENTS WITH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND GENDER EQUALITY, BUT ALSO TO PROMOTE INFORMED DECISION-MAKING, PREVENT TEENAGE PREGNANCIES AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, FOSTER POSITIVE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND TO EMPOWER YOUNG FILIPINOS

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and

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Majority Floor Leader



WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) is a framework promoted by United Nations agencies like the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, which focuses on a sexual rights-based and inclusive approach to help younger people make safe and responsible choices;

WHEREAS, studies from 2013 to 2017 by Young Adult Fertility Study and National Demographic and Health Survey, revealed a concerning rise in early sexual activity among Filipino youth (15 to 24 years old) with a significant increase in teenage pregnancies and that early marriage (12.9 %) as a major factor in school dropout particularly in Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Region XI and Region XII;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) underscored the health and safety risks faced by the aforesaid population due to the fact that in March 2024, thirty-two percent (32%) of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) cases then occurred among 15 to 24 years old, accounting for thirty percent (30%) of all cases, and in recent DOH reports as of June 2025, HIV cases in the Philippines jumped to five hundred percent (500%), the highest in Western Pacific Region, with the youngest as young as 12 years old and, further, DSWD reported seventeen percent (17%) prevalence of sexual violence among 13-17 years;

WHEREAS, recent news reports emphasized that there's a big influence of online pornography, dating apps and spas offering sexual service in the increase in cases of HIV in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, recognizing the above-mentioned challenges, the Department of Education (DepEd) emphasizes the crucial role of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in equipping youth with the knowledge, values and the ability to make informed decisions, mitigate the risks involved in such challenges, and to improve health outcomes;

WHEREAS, contentions from family rights and religious groups regarding a provision in the current version of the pending Senate Bill 179 on the implementation of CSE that allows sexually active adolescents to access reproductive health services, goods and facilities without parental consent, including a provision of confidentiality, parents may not be notified of their children's activities and that, if enacted, it could include versions of the CSE framework that teach concepts of self-pleasure to children as young as four years old;

WHEREAS, Education Secretary Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara, for his part, assured the public that its approach to sex education in public and private schools responds to the needs of students in a "culturally sensitive" way amid objections raised against CSE and stressed how the Agency has been working with experts to ensure that its programs are effective and culturally sensitive: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to strongly support, as it hereby strongly supports, the Department of Education's implementation of the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in public and private elementary and secondary schools integrated into the K to 12 curriculum, designed not only to equip students with knowledge about sexual and reproductive health and gender equality, but also to promote informed decision-making, prevent teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, foster positive and healthy relationships and to empower young Filipinos; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of Secretary Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara.

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PRESIDED BY:



ANGELA LEI "Chi" I. ATIENZA
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on July 29, 2025.

ATTESTED:



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