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RESOLUTION NO. 207
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RESOLUTION CONVEYING PROFOUND APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION TO HONORABLE MAYOR FRANCISCO "ISKO MORENO" DOMAGOSO FOR INITIATING AND TRANSFORMING THE INTERIOR OF THE MANILA CITY HALL CLOCK TOWER INTO AN ART GALLERY AND A MUSEUM OFFERING TO THE PUBLIC A GLIMPSE INTO THE CITY'S RICH HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE AND A STUNNING 360 DEGREES PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE ENTIRE CITY FROM THE TOWER'S 7TH FLOOR, HENCE, IT IS NOW CONSIDERED A MAJOR WORLD-CLASS TOURIST ATTRACTION AND A HISTORIC LANDMARK IN THE CITY OF MANILA

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WHEREAS, designed by Architect Antonio Toledo and was completed in the 1930s, the Manila Clock Tower stands at a towering height of almost 100 feet, making it the largest clock tower in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Manila City Hall and the clock tower barely withstood the tragic events of World War II, particularly during the "Liberation of Manila" in 1945, which not only claimed the lives of hundred thousands of both military men and innocent civilians but also resulted into extensive damage to the city's infrastructures including the Manila City Hall building and the Clock Tower;

WHEREAS, during the term of Mayor Alfredo Lim in 1996, this author filed Resolution No. 73 envisioning the conversion of the City Hall Clock Tower into a City Museum where the rich history of Manila could be preserved and publicly displayed, which was subsequently adopted by the City Council on 18 June, 1996 but, unfortunately, remained on the drawing board due to lack of funds;

WHEREAS, eventually, the clocks of the tower were upgraded and digitalized in order to achieve synchronization with the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) for Philippine Standard Time (PST) during the incumbency of former Mayor, Honorable Joseph Ejercito Estrada;

WHEREAS, in 2019 to mid-2020, the LED lights of the clock tower were changed to stationary white lights, the entire interior was renovated and transformed into an art gallery, showcasing art pieces of Filipino visual artists, and a museum offering to the public the city's rich history and cultural heritage, highlighted by the "Wall of Heroes" which features a variety of multi-sensory exhibits of the events of the "Battle for Manila" in 1945, and on its 7th floor, the clock tower also offers a stunning 360 degrees panoramic view of the entire city, all of which were made possible through the initiative and vision of Honorable Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to convey, as it hereby conveys profound appreciation and commendation to Honorable Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso for initiating and transforming the interior of the Manila City Hall Clock Tower into an art gallery and a museum offering to the public a glimpse into the city's rich history and cultural heritage and a stunning 360 degrees panoramic view of the entire city from the tower's 7th floor, hence, it is now considered a major world-class tourist attraction and a historic landmark in the City of Manila; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor.

PRESIDED BY:

ANGELA LEI "Chi" I. ATIENZA
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on August 5, 2025.

ATTESTED:

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