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**RESOLUTION NO. 269**  
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**RESOLUTION** EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL NO. 47, OR THE "ANTI-ONLINE GAMBLING ACT", WHICH SEEKS TO PROHIBIT ALL FORMS OF ONLINE GAMBLING OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, A PROPOSED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

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WHEREAS, Senate Majority Leader Joel Villanueva, author of Senate Bill No. 47 in the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress, said the lure of instant wealth pushed many into debt, despair, broken homes and job losses as consequences of addiction to gambling;

WHEREAS, at the Senate Committee on Games, Amusements and Sports hearing led by Senator Erwin Tulfo, Senator Villanueva cited cases of a woman who sold her home after losing millions of pesos a 19-year old student with over Five Hundred Thousand (PhP500,000.00) in unpaid bets, minors stealing from their parents, and a police officer committing to armed robbery to settle debts;

WHEREAS, from September 2022 to August 6, 2025, the Department of Finance (DOF) recorded eleven thousand nine hundred eighty-five (11,985) illegal online gambling sites, over three thousand (3,000) of which remain active, and PAGCOR's August 14 presentation showed that online gaming now accounts for nearly sixty percent (60%) of its income, with projected license fee revenues of Sixty Billion Pesos (PhP60,000,000,000.00) in 2025;

WHEREAS, Senator Pia Cayetano, who also filed a bill for a total ban of online gambling, questioned whether surging revenues from Fifty-Eight Billion Pesos (PhP58,000,000,000.00) in 2023 to One Hundred Fifty-Four Billion Pesos (PhP154,000,000,000.00) in 2024 are worth the social cost such as young people losing their way and even their lives, citing a recent suicide of a twenty-two (22) year old in Benguet over gambling debts;

WHEREAS, Senator Joel Villanueva also cited the fact that there are also young people who cannot even vote yet, but are already exposed to gambling daily, and further emphasized that in gambling, it is not just money that is at stake, it is also the future of the Filipino family: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to express, as it hereby expresses full support for the immediate passage of Senate Bill No. 47, or the "Anti-Online Gambling Act", which seeks to prohibit all forms of online gambling operations in the Philippines, a proposed legislation introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva in the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Senator Joel Villanueva.

PRESIDED BY:

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

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on September 4, 2025.

ATTESTED:

  
**HANS ROGER S. LUNA**  
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(Secretary to the City Council)