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RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT), TOGETHER WITH DEPED-MANILA AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING (EDP) OFFICE, TO IMMEDIATELY ROLL OUT FREE PUBLIC WI-FI, SIM CARD SUPPORT, AND FULL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN MANILA, IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE 2025 SONA COMMITMENT TO NATIONWIDE INTERNET ACCESS IN EDUCATION

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WHEREAS, Section 24 of Republic Act No. 10929, or the "Free Internet Access in Public Places Act," mandates the establishment of free internet access in public basic education institutions and other public places nationwide;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., in his 2025 State of the Nation Address (SONA), committed that all public schools in the Philippines shall be fully connected to the internet by the end of 2025, in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), the Department of Education (DepEd), and local government units;

WHEREAS, the City of Manila, as nation's capital, must serve as a leading example in delivering equitable access to technology in public education, especially through the rollout of free Wi-Fi services, SIM card or data assistance for learners, and upgraded digital infrastructure in all public schools;

WHEREAS, the effective implementation of digital connectivity requires local planning, coordination, and accountability, as well as adherence to Republic Act No. 10173 or the "Data Privacy Act of 2012", ensuring that student and school data remain protected throughout program rollout;

WHEREAS, the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Office of the City Government of Manila, in coordination with the Department of Education – Manila Division, the Local School Board, and the Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW), is in a strategic position to coordinate and accelerate the successful implementation of school connectivity programs across all districts; NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to urge, as it hereby urges the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), together with DepEd-Manila and the City Government through the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Office, to immediately roll out free Public Wi-Fi, sim card support, and full digital connectivity in all public schools in Manila, in alignment with the 2025 SONA commitment to nationwide internet access in education; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the EDP Office, in coordination with the Department of Engineering and Public Works (DEPW), the Local School Board, and the Division of City Schools, be directed to prepare a Digital Infrastructure Map of public schools in Manila, identifying campuses with no or weak internet connectivity, to guide prioritization, phased implementation, and site preparation support; and be it FURTHERMORE

RESOLVED, that the Department of Education – Manila be encouraged to submit quarterly status updates to the City Council, through the Committee on Education and the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, covering internet installation progress, connectivity performance, and school-level digital integration; and be it FURTHERMORE

RESOLVED, that the City Government of Manila, subject to budget availability and in coordination with DICT and DepEd, explore the provision of SIM cards or mobile data support, prioritizing underprivileged and marginalized learners, in compliance with government procurement and subsidy guidelines; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the President of the Philippines, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), the Department of Education Central Office, DepEd-Manila, the Office of the Mayor of Manila, the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Office, the Local School Board, and other concerned agencies and organizations for appropriate action and dissemination.

PRESIDED BY:



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

ATTESTED:



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