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**RESOLUTION NO. 324**  
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**RESOLUTION** EXPRESSING SUPPORT BY THE CITY OF MANILA TO THE OBSERVANCE OF "WORLD ANTI-RABIES DAY" ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS, PROMOTE COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AS A MEANS OF ERADICATING THE THREAT OF RABIES OUTBREAK IN MANILA

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WHEREAS, the international community commemorates the death of Louis Pasteur, the French scientist who developed the first rabies vaccine, on September 28 as "World Anti-Rabies Day";

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Act Now: You, Me, Community" delivers a message of effectively managing, controlling and eliminating rabies infection worldwide via a total approach of individual awareness, collective action and promoting responsible pet ownership;

WHEREAS, the scourge of rabies virus infection transmitted from animals to humans causes violence, hydrophobia, fever and potentially death with recorded one thousand seven hundred fifty (1,750) fatalities in the Philippines in the last five (5) years;

WHEREAS, although human rabies death decreased by twenty-one percent (21%) in 2025, there was an instance of a single month period in 2024 when animal bite cases in San Lazaro Hospital alone surged from one thousand (1,000) in April to fourteen thousand (14,000) cases by May 2024;

WHEREAS, rabies infection is a deadly but preventable disease that leads to certain death once symptoms appear which is the reason why prevention through vaccination of pet animals is critical;

WHEREAS, the general guidelines for controlling and eliminating rabies outbreak, aside from vaccinating pets, are as follows: (a) stay informed about rabies symptoms and importance of prompt treatment, (b) do not approach or touch wild and stray animals, (c) secure your home, and (d) contact local animal control to report roaming animals;

WHEREAS, in case of potential exposure thru bite or scratch, health experts advise the following: (a) wash wound immediately, (b) seek medical attention, (c) provide details on encountered animals, and (d) get the necessary rabies shots;

WHEREAS, the anti-rabies campaign in the City of Manila requires vigilance and awareness among Manila's residents, non-residents and the various instrumentalities of the City Government of Manila who each play vital roles in stopping rabies at its source and in organizing and implementing rabies control efforts: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to express, as it hereby expresses support by the City of Manila to the observance of "World Anti-Rabies Day" on September 28 and joining the international efforts to raise awareness, promote community action and encourage responsible pet ownership as a means of eradicating the threat of rabies outbreak in Manila; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Department of Health-Central Office (DOH-CO), the World Health Organization (WHO) Philippines, the Global Alliance for Rabies Control in the Philippines, the Office of the Mayor, the Office of the City Administrator, the Manila Health Department (MHD), the Schools Division Office of Manila and the Manila Barangay Bureau (MBB).

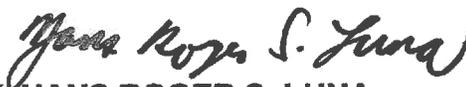
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on September 23, 2025.

ATTESTED:



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