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RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN EARTHQUAKE RISK AUDIT ON ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PRIVATELY OWNED COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND CONDUCT RETROFITTING TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REVISED NATIONAL BUILDING CODE

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WHEREAS, stated at the **Presidential Decree No. 1096** otherwise known as the **National Building Code of the Philippines**, on **Chapter 1 Section 102. Declaration of Policy** – **it is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare, consistent with the principles of sound environmental management and control** and to this end, make it a purpose of this Code to provide for all buildings and structures, a framework of minimum standards and requirements to regulate and control their location, site, design, quality of materials, construction, use, occupancy and maintenance;

WHEREAS, within fifteen (15) years of construction, under the Civil Code of the Philippines, engineers, architects, contractors and builders are liable or any structural failure due to defects in design or construction. For buildings and houses that older than FIFTEEN (15) years, the owners will wholly responsible and liable for;

WHEREAS, the building Code do not provide the choice of the next major earthquake to the point that it will require considerable repairs before it can be used and does not even require a design for the maximum conceivable acceleration. Fifty (50) years will be the life span of a structure in maximum time limit;

WHEREAS, every building whether low or high-rise needs to be designed to withstand earthquake shaking. Not every structure that complied with the National Building Code can escape damages from an earthquake. Structure follows the minimum standards may still be significantly damaged in the next earthquake to the point that it will require considerable repairs before it can be utilized for habitation;

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2025, a strong earthquake with magnitude (MW) 6.9 rocked Cebu and surrounding provinces;

WHEREAS, tougher or more massive structural design is not necessary even in the next higher standard. Base-isolation technologies for low-rise buildings involved in the seismic design: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to urge, as it hereby urges the Department of Engineering and Public Works to conduct an earthquake risk audit on all local government infrastructure projects and privately owned commercial buildings and conduct retrofitting to ensure compliance with the revised National Building Code.

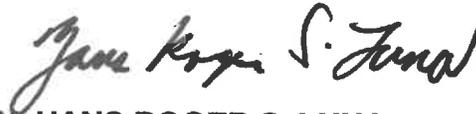
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ATTESTED:



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