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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STRENGTHENING OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION'S UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIFAST) AND THE ADOPTION BY HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION'S ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION, AUTHENTICATION AND VERIFICATION (E-CAV) SYSTEM TO STREAMLINE SCHOLARSHIP DOCUMENTATION AND VERIFICATION

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10687 otherwise known as the "Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Act", institutionalizes a unified system for government student financial assistance programs and creates the UniFAST Board to harmonize access thereto;

WHEREAS, according to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) UniFAST official page on the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES), starting FY 2023, the benefit amounts are Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00) per Academic Year for State Universities and Colleges (SUC)/Local Universities and Colleges (LUC) students and Twenty-Seven Thousand Pesos (Php27,000.00) per Academic Year for private Higher Education Institution (HEI) students, with an additional one-time reimbursement of up to Eight Thousand Pesos (Php8,000.00) for board/licensure exam takers, subject to UniFAST Board guidelines and annual appropriations;

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2025, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" E. Marcos Jr. publicly urged the strengthening and expansion of UniFAST and launched CHED's electronic Certification, Authentication and Verification (e-CAV) online system to modernize documentation and verification of academic and scholarship records, aligning with the government's e-governance thrust;

WHEREAS, e-CAV is the CHED's official electronic Certification, Authentication and Verification platform, with secure online application and verification (including eGovPH sign-in), to streamline processing for students and HEIs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10173 otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act of 2012" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) requires lawful, proportional and secure processing of personal and sensitive personal information, which applies to records handled through e-CAV and related UniFAST workflows;

WHEREAS, the City hosts numerous state, local and private HEIs to guide implementation, Annex "A" (forming an integral part hereof) identifies HEIs with campuses within Manila's territorial jurisdiction based on official sources and CHED-recognized listings, other CHED-recognized HEIs physically located in Manila are likewise covered, consistent with national policy and the live UniFAST participating-HEI registry: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to support, as it hereby supports the strengthening of the Commission on Higher Education's Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) and the adoption by Higher Education Institutions of the Commission on Higher Education's Electronic Certification, Authentication and Verification (e-CAV) System to streamline scholarship documentation and verification; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Board, the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM), the Universidad de Manila (UdM), all Higher Education Institutions (HEI) operating within the City and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

PRESIDED BY:



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

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on October 16, 2025.

ATTESTED:



ATTY. HANS ROGER S. LUNA
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

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