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RESOLUTION COMMENDING PRESIDENT FERDINAND “BONGBONG” R. MARCOS JR., THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB), AND PARTNER INSTITUTIONS FOR LAUNCHING THE REDUCING FOOD INSECURITY AND UNDERNUTRITION WITH ELECTRONIC VOUCHERS (REFUEL) PROJECT UNDER THE “WALANG GUTOM PROGRAM” (WGP) IN THE CITY OF MANILA

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights, and Article XIII, Section II mandates an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, ensuring essential goods and services are available to all at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", charges local government units with promoting the general welfare, including the health, nutrition, and welfare of their constituents;

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2025, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr., led the launching of electronic food vouchers under the "Walang Gutom Program" (WGP) through the Reducing Food Insecurity and Undernutrition with Electronic Vouchers (REFUEL) Project at the San Andres Sports Complex, Malate, Manila, marking the national scale-up of the government's anti-hunger campaign;

WHEREAS, the "Walang Gutom Program" provides Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000) in monthly electronic food credits to eligible low-income households through digital vouchers to purchase nutritious and affordable food from accredited merchants, directly addressing food insecurity among vulnerable families;

WHEREAS, the REFUEL Project, supported by an Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan and co-financing from the Agence Française de Développement and the OPEC Fund for International Development, involves an investment of approximately Seventy-Four Billion Pesos (P74 billion) and aims to expand WGP coverage to around 750,000 households nationwide by 2026, with full implementation from 2025 to 2028;

WHEREAS, the choice of the City of Manila as the official launch site underscores its role as a strategic urban center and reflects the government's recognition of the city's commitment to advancing social protection and nutrition programs for its people;

WHEREAS, according to Social Weather Stations (SWS) data commissioned for the WGP, self-rated hunger among beneficiaries decreased from 48.7% in October 2024 to 41.5% in March 2025, demonstrating the program's positive impact in reducing food insecurity;


WHEREAS, the City of Manila continuously aligns itself with national social protection priorities, recognizing that programs addressing hunger and malnutrition contribute directly to improving public health, educational outcomes, and economic resilience of Manileños: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to commend, as it hereby commends President Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr., the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and partner institutions for launching the Reducing Food Insecurity and Undernutrition with Electronic Vouchers (REFUEL) Project under the "Walang Gutom Program" (WGP) in the City of Manila; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Manila Department of Social Welfare, other local government offices and barangays be enjoined to coordinate closely with the DSWD to ensure that eligible Manileño households are identified and supported for inclusion in the REFUEL and WGP programs, maximizing the benefits of this national initiative for the city's vulnerable communities; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the President, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the OPEC Fund for International Development, the Office of the Mayor of Manila, and the Liga ng mga Barangay.


PRESIDED BY:



TIMOTHY OLIVER "TOI" I. ZARCAL
President Pro-Tempore and
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on October 28, 2025.

ATTESTED:



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