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RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MANILA, IN COORDINATION WITH CONCERNED NATIONAL AGENCIES, TO LAUNCH A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ON THE DANGERS OF THE "BLACK CIGARETTE" OR "TUKLAW" AND TO UNDERTAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO PREVENT ITS SPREAD IN THE CITY OF MANILA

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WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution, particularly Article II, Section 15, declares that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, the City Government of Manila recognizes its vital duty under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, to promote the general welfare of its inhabitants, safeguard public health, and maintain peace and order within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, recent news reports and official advisories from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) have revealed the alarming emergence of a dangerous substance known as the "black cigarette" or "tuklaw", allegedly laced with synthetic cannabinoids and extremely high nicotine content, now being circulated and sold in several areas in the country;

WHEREAS, according to law enforcement authorities, "tuklaw" contains harmful chemical compounds that can cause severe physiological and psychological effects such as seizures, hallucinations, and unconsciousness, and may even lead to death, making it a serious threat to public health and safety;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has likewise warned the public about the serious health hazards posed by unregulated and chemically altered smoking products such as "tuklaw" especially among the youth and students who may be misled into believing that these are ordinary cigarettes;

WHEREAS, viral social media posts and recorded incidents have shown users collapsing convulsing, or suffering from seizures after smoking "tuklaw" demonstrating its highly toxic and addictive nature;

WHEREAS, it is therefore imperative for the City Government of Manila, coordination with relevant national agencies such as the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Department of Health (DOH), Dangerous Drug Board (DDB), Department Education (DepEd) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), to undertake a sustained and city-wide information campaign that will raise public awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of "tuklaw" and prevent its distribution and use within the city: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to urge, as it hereby urges the City Government of Manila in coordination with concerned national agencies, to launch a comprehensive public information campaign on the dangers of the "black cigarette" or "tuklaw" and to undertake appropriate actions to prevent its spread in the City of Manila; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, to encourage the City Government of Manila to intensify public awareness and preventive measures by disseminating verified information through print, broadcast, and digital media; posting warning materials in schools, barangay halls, and other public areas and conducting educational activities and seminars in partnership with schools, universities, youth organizations, and community groups to emphasize the health and legal consequences of "tuklaw" use and distribution; and be it FURTHERMORE

RESOLVED, to exhort the City Government of Manila to strengthen inter-agency coordination by enjoining the PDEA, DDB, DOH, and PNP to provide technical guidance, laboratory analysis, and enforcement assistance to identify and suppress the source, sale, and circulation of "tuklaw" in the City of Manila; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), and Philippine National Police (PNP) for appropriate action and dissemination.

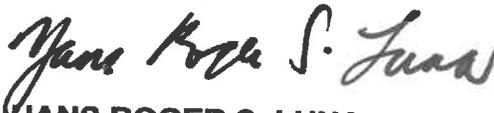
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on November 6, 2025.

ATTESTED:



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