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RESOLUTION STRONGLY ENJOINING MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CRAFT CRITICAL MEASURES AGAINST ILLEGAL MINING AND ILLEGAL LOGGING IN THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAIN RANGE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND SAVE IT AT ALL COST AS THIS LANDFORM IS BELIEVED TO BE SHIELDING THE COUNTRY ESPECIALLY FROM THE ONSLAUGHT OF SUPER TYPHOONS SUCH AS "UWAN"

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WHEREAS, Sierra Madre is the longest mountain range in the country, spanning 540 kilometers from the province of Cagayan down to the province of Quezon in a North- South direction on the eastern portion of Luzon;

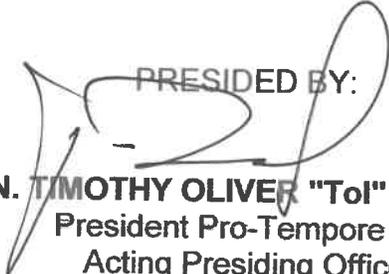
WHEREAS, the Philippines' Climate Change Commission has referred to Sierra Madre as Luzon's natural fortress and the Philippines' first line of defense against climate-induced disasters, as it slows down and deflects slow winds, which significantly reduces their intensity before they reach inland areas;

WHEREAS, Sierra Madre also functions as a "crucial carbon sink" through the process called carbon sequestration, which allows the forests to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere that helps regulate temperature and stabilize weather patterns, helps reduce extreme weather events and maintains the ecological balance, especially to its rich biodiversity, which hosts 3,500 plant species of which 58 percent are endemic;

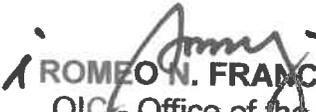
WHEREAS, the above-stated role of Sierra Madre is, however, compromised by deforestation, illegal logging and illegal mining which many Filipinos in the past have condemned and calling for measures for the protection and preservation of Sierra Madre and other mountain ranges in the country: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to enjoin, as it hereby strongly enjoins members of the Philippine Senate and House of Representatives to craft critical measures against illegal mining and illegal logging in the Sierra Madre mountain range in order to preserve, protect and save it at all cost as this landform is believed to be shielding the country especially from the onslaught of super typhoons such as "Uwan"; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives.

PRESIDED BY:

HON. 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 November 11, 2025.

ATTESTED:

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City Council
(under office order dated Nov. 6, 2025)