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**METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
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**METRO MANILA COUNCIL**

**MMDA RESOLUTION NO. 22-03**  
**Series of 2022**

**EXPRESSING THE UTMOST GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF  
THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL TO METROPOLITAN MANILA  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN BENJAMIN DE CASTRO  
ABALOS, JR. FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND  
DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, on 11 January 2021, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte appointed the Honorable Benjamin De Castro Abalos, Jr. as the Chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA);

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Abalos assumed the MMDA Chairmanship at the height of the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and the seventeen (17) Local Chief Executives of the National Capital Region, in close coordination and cooperation with the MMDA, needed to make difficult, bold, and decisive courses of action in order to pre-empt and mitigate the adverse effects of the virus on the economy and the daily lives of the citizenry;

**WHEREAS**, with the able leadership and guidance of Chairman Abalos, the Metro Manila Council acted as a unified and cohesive body as it issued its trailblazing Resolutions on the adoption of curfew hours, adherence to COVID-19 protocols, and more importantly, the implementation of the “We Vax As One” vaccination program in Metro Manila and its neighboring provinces in order to build population protection;

**WHEREAS**, as the Council’s voice in the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, Chairman Abalos eloquently and emphatically manifested the challenges and concerns of Metro Manila Local Government Units which greatly aided in the formulation and crafting of the relevant COVID-19 Guidelines;

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of the pandemic, Chairman Abalos also championed the “I Love MM” initiative where the Metro Manila Local Government Units and the MMDA embarked on metro-wide clearing, cleaning, and greening activities in order to promote, maintain, and support urban renewal and development in the metropolis;

**WHEREAS**, with the imminent threat of Typhoon Odette in December 2021, Chairman Abalos, exhibiting clear foresight and disaster preparedness, immediately deployed and pre-positioned the personnel of the MMDA Public Safety Division, Road Emergency Group, Sidewalk Clearing Operations Group, and Metro Parkway Clearing Group in the Bicol Region and these personnel later became the first responders when the Typhoon struck and

devastated the provinces of Leyte, Southern Leyte, and Bohol, among others, on 16 December 2021 thereby providing much-needed humanitarian, rescue, recovery, clearing, and cleaning assistance;

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of Typhoon Odette, Chairman Abalos spearheaded the approval of a supplemental budget of the MMDA for disaster relief and financial assistance in the heavily-damaged local government units of Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Negros Occidental, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Surigao Del Norte, and Dinagat Islands in order to fast track the rehabilitation efforts;


**WHEREAS**, as the “Father of the MMDA”, Chairman Abalos ensured that the MMDA personnel were given due compensation for their service and extended social justice by providing salary adjustments and casualization of job order employees;

**WHEREAS**, all of the foregoing are an embodiment of Chairman Abalos’ ethos of “*Gawa, Hindi Salita*” and truly worthy of emulation in the public service;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, that the Metro Manila Council expresses its utmost gratitude and appreciation to Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chairman Benjamin De Castro Abalos, Jr. for his exemplary leadership and dedicated public service.

This Resolution shall immediately take effect after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and submission of a copy thereof with the Office of the National Administrative Register, U. P. Law Center.


**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022 in Makati City, Metro Manila.

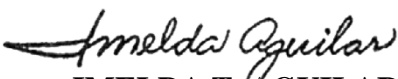
  
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