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INTRODUCED BY **SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III**

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA
ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
ON 01 JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, efforts in establishing the Rotary Club of Manila dates back to January 1919 when one of the leading businessmen then in Manila, Leon Lambert, expressed his interest in organizing a Rotary in the Philippines to President John Poole of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, now known as Rotary International¹;

WHEREAS, on 01 June 1919, the Rotary Club of Manila was formally recognized by Rotary International thereby granting it with Charter No. 478²;

WHEREAS, it pioneered the Rotary movement not only in the Philippines but also in Asia, thus, making it the first and oldest Rotary Club in Asia³;

WHEREAS, its primary objective is to foster the "Ideal of Service" in every Rotarian's personal, professional and community life⁴;

WHEREAS, it has been consistently recognized for its invaluable service and significant contributions throughout the years. As it reaches its centennial year, it continues with its mission to elevate Filipino people's lives through its various programs and advocacies such as, among others, "PolioPlus" a Rotary's top priority to rid the world of polio⁵, "One Rotary One Philippines One for Marawi"; "Rotary Tree 100" an initiative to encourage planting of one hundred million trees to address the alarming state of depletion of our forest reserves; and "Rotary Club of Manila Educational

¹ <http://rcmanila.org/about-us/history-of-the-rotary-club-of-manila/>

² *Ibid.*

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rotary_Club_of_Manila

⁴ <http://rcmanila.org/about-us/history-of-the-rotary-club/>

⁵ <https://www.rotary.org/en/historic-moments-polioplus-turns-30>

Assistance Program (REAP).

WHEREAS, by virtue of Proclamation No. 413⁶, the President of the Philippines declare the period of 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 as the “Year for the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Manila and the Rotary Movement in the Philippines and Asia”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate the Rotary Club of Manila for its Centennial Anniversary on 01 June 2019.

Adopted,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III

⁶ <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2018/01/24/proclamation-no-413-s-2018/>