



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
CITY OF MANDALUYONG



RESOLUTION NO. 3575, S-2025

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION EXPRESSING  
SINCEREST APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO  
HONORABLE BENJAMIN S. ABALOS FOR HIS  
EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP, INVALUABLE AND  
OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION IN  
THE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF  
MANDALUYONG BEST DEMONSTRATED BY ITS  
URBANIZATION AND CITYHOOD

WHEREAS, MAYOR BENJAMIN S. ABALOS was born into a humble and poor family and his early years were marked by determination as he balanced multiple jobs as janitor, factory worker, and golf caddy to support his studies, graduating with honors from Mandaluyong Elementary School and later earning his Law degree at Manuel L. Quezon University in an accelerated timeline. His life story is a beacon of hope for those who face adversity, rising from humble beginnings to become one of the most respected figures in Philippine governance. This early exposure to hard work instilled in him the values of perseverance, resourcefulness, and empathy;

WHEREAS, in 1964, MAYOR BENJAMIN S. ABALOS served as Auxiliary Judge of Makati and Acting Judge in Pasay at the age of 29, youngest member ever to serve the judiciary. He was then appointed as Assistant Fiscal of Manila in 1965 and became a judge of the Capital Town of Pasig from 1969 to 1979 who made a name from his glorious feat and was hailed as an Outstanding Judge of the Philippines for ten (10) straight years where he was elected as President of the League of Municipal Judges of the Philippines in 1979;

WHEREAS, his natural leadership skills were soon recognized when he was appointed by then President Corazon C. Aquino as Officer-in-Charge of the small municipality after the EDSA Revolution in 1986. He won the mayorship of Mandaluyong in the first ever elections after Martial Law. He was officially elected as Mayor of Mandaluyong for three (3) consecutive terms in the local elections [1988 – (the very first local elections under the 1987 Constitution), 1992 and 1995], a position he would hold for over a decade;

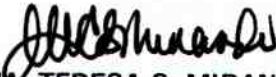
WHEREAS, under his administration, Mayor Abalos spearheaded the transformation of Mandaluyong from a neglected municipality into a vibrant Highly Urbanized City (HUC) when Mandaluyong achieved its cityhood through the passage of Republic Act No. 7675, "*An Act Converting the Municipality of Mandaluyong into a Highly Urbanized City to be known as the City of Mandaluyong*" on February 9, 1994, with overwhelming public support. Mandaluyong became the 5<sup>th</sup> City in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, Mayor Abalos' achievements reflect his vision, resilience, and passion for uplifting his constituents, making him a respected figure in Philippine governance. His efforts have left an indelible mark in the City when he introduced the first *Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) program* in the Philippines, earning Mandaluyong its first *Galing Pook Award* in 1994. The blueprints of the landmark structures were built in the City such as the *SM Megamall, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Starmall-EDSA, and The Marketplace*, which jumpstarted economic vibrancy and sustainable progress in the City;


**RESOLVED FINALLY**, let a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Honorable **BENJAMIN S. ABALOS** for his information and memoirs.

**ADOPTED** on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION  
WAS ADOPTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
OF MANDALUYONG IN A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON  
THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.

  
**MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA**  
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

  
**CARMELITA A. ABALOS**  
City Vice Mayor &  
Presiding Officer