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RESOLUTION NO. SP-**9052**, S-2022

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESS OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT'S RENEWAL OF SISTERHOOD RELATIONS WITH GENERAL SANTOS CITY AND RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE INITIATIVES OF THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA "JOY" G. BELMONTE, AND THE QUEZON CITY TOURISM DEPARTMENT, LED BY MS. MARIA TERESA A. TIRONA, IN PROMOTING QUEZON CITY AS A STRONG AND DEPENDABLE PARTNER FOR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS.

Introduced by Councilors ALFRED VARGAS, MPA and DAVE C. VALMOCINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, since 1994, our beloved Quezon City and General Santos City have maintained fruitful sister-city relations through a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by then-Quezon City Mayor, the late Honorable Ismael "Mel" A. Mathay, Jr., and then-General Santos City Mayor, Honorable Adelbert W. Antonino;

WHEREAS, the Seventh Article of the said Memorandum of Understanding provided that the instrument "shall come into force on the date of its signing" and "shall be in force for twenty-five (25) years", unless sooner rescinded and, hence, the sisterhood relations of both cities were maintained up to this year, despite the lapse of the agreement's term;

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WHEREAS, in 2011, the Quezon City Council passed Ordinance No. SP-2107, S-2011, entitled “An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines for Sister City or Twinning Relations Between Quezon City, Other Cities and Municipalities” to, among others, “foster friendship, trade, understanding and cooperation” and “promote development initiatives that are mutually beneficial” to Quezon City and its partner local government unit (LGU);

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Quezon City Council passed Ordinance No. SP-2197, S-2013, otherwise known as “The Quezon City Tourism Department Ordinance”, which mandated the Quezon City Tourism Department to “make recommendations as regards to the establishment of Sister City relations” (Section 10);

WHEREAS, guided by Ordinance No. SP-2107, S-2011 and the criteria it set out, the Quezon City Government has deemed it proper to formally renew its sister-city relations with General Santos City in a ceremony befitting both cities’ goodwill to each other;

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2022, the Quezon City Government and the City Government of General Santos City formally executed the Sisterhood Agreement Between the Quezon City Government and the City of General Santos (the “Sisterhood Agreement”), in view of their mutual desire of “promoting favorable relations of partnership and cooperation between the peoples of the two cities”;

WHEREAS, Article I of the Sisterhood Agreement expresses that both cities shall “promote and expand effective mutually beneficial efforts for the development of both cities, within the limits of their financial, material and human resource capabilities” in, among others, exchanges of best practices in social services, economic enterprise development and management, trade and commerce through advertisements patronizing each city’s assets, promotion and development of MSMEs, and exchange of culture, heritage, and arts;

WHEREAS, the Sisterhood Agreement also envisions the sharing, between Quezon City and General Santos City, of best practices on information communication and technology, local government administration, revenue generation, resource management, halal industry, environmental protection, and other innovative programs and projects (Article I (6));

WHEREAS, the successful signing of the Sisterhood Agreement was held during the celebrations in one of the most important times of General Santos City, the 2022 Tuna Festival, which reflects the value that our sister city ascribes to the occasion;

WHEREAS, the execution of the Sisterhood Agreement was also attended by delegates of the City Government of Iloilo City (a sister-city of both Quezon City and General Santos City) and representatives from leading business sectors from General Santos City;

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WHEREAS, the successful signing of the Sisterhood Agreement would have not materialized were it not for the efforts and initiatives of Honorable Mayor Ma. Josefina “Joy” G. Belmonte and that of the Quezon City Tourism Department, which was ably headed by Ms. Maria Teresa A. Tirona;

WHEREAS, indeed, Honorable Mayor Ma. Josefina “Joy” G. Belmonte’s leadership has resulted to many local governments emulating the City Government’s pioneering programs and projects, especially in the area of good governance particularly, in transparency and accountability through automation of government transactions as well as in food security and in raising the social protection floor;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Tourism Department has also been very active in promoting Quezon City as a local and international destination for food and beverages, recreation, health, business and enterprise, among others efforts which have been recognized by many awards, including, the Stevie Gold Awards for the book *Made in QC: Emerging Essentials* and an Award of Recognition from the Department of Tourism, both of which were conferred at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when tourism was severely dampened;

WHEREAS, the successful renewal of Quezon City and General Santos City’s sisterhood relations shows that the Quezon City Tourism Department has been steadfast in meeting its mandate under City Ordinance No. SP-2197, S-2013, otherwise known as “The Quezon City Tourism Department Ordinance”;

WHEREAS, it is the Council’s view that initiatives and actions that bring honor and prestige to the City, and tangible benefits for the greater welfare of our beloved constituents should be commended and persons and offices instrumental in the success of such initiatives and actions should be lauded.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to commend, as it does hereby commend, the success of the Quezon City Government’s renewal of sisterhood relations with General Santos City and recognizing the valuable initiatives of the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina “Joy” G. Belmonte, and the Quezon City Tourism Department, led by Ms. Maria Teresa A. Tirona, in promoting Quezon City as a strong and dependable partner for other local government units.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Council of Quezon City recognizes the valuable initiatives of the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina “Joy” G. Belmonte, and Quezon City Tourism Department, led by Ms. Maria Teresa A. Tirona, in promoting Quezon City as strong and dependable partner for other local government units.

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RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that the City Council of Quezon City stresses the importance of catalyzing the formalization of sister city or twinning relations between the Quezon City Government and other cities and municipalities, both locally and internationally, to reap the benefits of a stronger tourism sector.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that an appropriate copy of this Resolution be given to the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina "Joy" G. Belmonte, and the Quezon City Tourism Department and its Officer-in-Charge, Ms. Maria Teresa A. Tirona.

ADOPTED: September 19, 2022.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 19, 2022 and was CONFIRMED on September 27, 2022.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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