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RESOLUTION NO. SP **3785**, S-2007
(PR2006-627)

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) TO DECLARE THE LA MESA WATERSHED AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT.

Introduced by Councilors JOSEPH P. JUICO, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, AIKO MELENDEZ-JICKAIN, RAMON P. MEDALLA, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, ERIC Z. MEDINA, ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, JORGE B. BANAL, JR., FRANZ S. PUMAREN, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, EDCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., ANTONIO E. INTON, JR. and RESTITUTO B. MALANGEN.

WHEREAS, the La Mesa Watershed is 2,700 hectares of mostly forestland in Quezon City. The reservoir itself comprises 700 hectares, and it is the primary source of the water supply for 12 million Metro Manila residents. The La Mesa Dam watershed is covered by three (3) cities: Quezon, Marikina and Caloocan;

WHEREAS, according to the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act, Protected Areas refer to identified portions of land and water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation;

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WHEREAS, National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) is the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein, and to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible;

WHEREAS, according to the NIPAS Act, watersheds are included in the establishment and operationalization of the National Integrated Protected Areas System;

WHEREAS, according to the NIPAS Act, the following acts are prohibited within the protected areas: dumping of any waste products detrimental to the protected area, or to the plants and animals or inhabitants therein; squatting, mineral locating, or otherwise, occupying any land; construction or maintaining any kind of structure, fence or enclosures, conducting any business enterprise without a permit; leaving in exposed or unsanitary conditions refuse or debris, or depositing in ground or in bodies of water; and altering, removing, destroying or defacing boundary marks or signs;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to declare the La Mesa Watershed as a protected reservation to prevent the construction of any structures that might eventually lead to the destruction of the watershed's forest cover or the contamination of the reservoir's water.

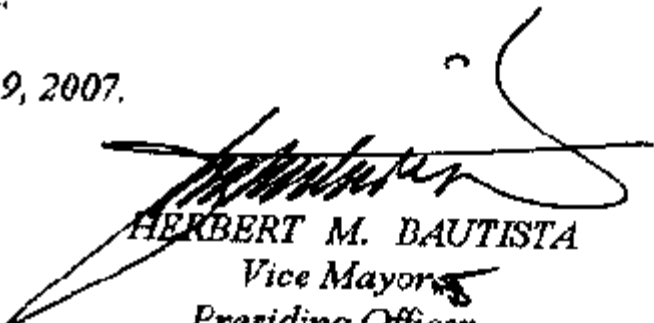
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to declare the La Mesa Watershed as a protected area under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act.

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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources, MWSS, UP National Hydraulic Center and Bantay Kalikasan, for their information.

ADOPTED: February 19, 2007.


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on February 19, 2007, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on February 26, 2007.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary