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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 5953, S-2014

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY GOVERNMENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) TO UNDERTAKE COMPREHENSIVE AWARENESS AND READINESS PROGRAMS TO EDUCATE AND PREPARE BUSINESSES ON THE IMPACT OF THE ASEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION.**

*Introduced by Councilors JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA and ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES.*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Dorothy A. Delarmente, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jessica Castelo Daza, Jose A. Visaya, Godofredo T. Liban II, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan and Ricardo B. Corpuz.*

*WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that every local government unit shall enhance economic prosperity and promote full employment among their constituents;*

*WHEREAS, in 2007, the 10 ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) leaders from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Cambodia, signed the Cebu Declaration accelerating the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015;*

*WHEREAS, the Local Government Academy (LGA) under the DILG created a manual to provide information on the ASEAN economic integration;*

*WHEREAS, the ASEAN Community is composed of three pillars, namely the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), and the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). The main goals of ASEAN are to achieve regional economic growth, social progress, cultural preservation and development, heightened security and stability, and provide a forum for resolution of members' differences;*

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WHEREAS, the AEC shall be the goal of regional economic integration by 2015 following key characteristics: (a) a single market and production base, (b) a highly competitive economic region, (c) a region of equitable economic development, and (d) a region fully integrated into the global economy;

WHEREAS, the AEC will transport ASEAN into a region with free movement of goods, services, investment, skilled labor, and freer flow of capital. The ASEAN will compete globally as one market base with each member gaining from each other's strength in the long run, increasing its total competitiveness and chances for prosperity;

WHEREAS, the AEC's effect for each member country is having zero or near zero trade barriers among the ASEAN members (with few exceptions). This means that trading of products between the ASEAN nations would be made easier and free-flowing from nation to nation. Tariffs and other trade burdens would be substantially removed or significantly lessened. Another effect of AEC is the free flow of the work force. Essentially it is where people can buy, sell, work and invest anywhere in the ASEAN with limited restrictions;

WHEREAS, the AEC will mean a lot of new opportunities and threats for the Philippines, it means that there would be an urgent need for the whole country to be ready for the new demands brought by the AEC;

WHEREAS, with the creation of the AEC a need for a higher level of competitiveness and cooperation shall arise;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) during its 38<sup>th</sup> Philippine Business Conference in 2012 recommended the preparedness of entrepreneurs on the impact of the ASEAN economic integration;

WHEREAS, the DILG reiterates that "if the thousands of LGUs will not prepare and anticipate the possibilities and benefits of this phenomenon will bring, then we will have failed to maximize this tremendous chance for progress."

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the City to help raise awareness and preparedness for the AEC. ✓

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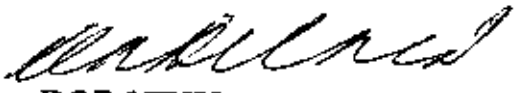
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*NOW, THEREFORE,*

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the City Government in cooperation with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to undertake Comprehensive Awareness and Readiness Programs to educate and prepare businesses on the impact of the ASEAN Economic Integration.*

*RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be submitted to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).*

*ADOPTED: June 2, 2014.*


  
DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE  
President Pro-Tempore  
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

**CERTIFICATION**

*This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 2, 2014 and was CONFIRMED on June 9, 2014.*

  
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City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III