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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **7128**, S-2017

A RESOLUTION CONVEYING AN ENTREATY TO NIANTIC, INC., DEVELOPER OF THE REALITY MOBILE GAME POKÉMON GO TO EXCLUDE FROM PUTTING LURE LOCATIONS IN INAPPROPRIATE PLACES LIKE GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SCHOOLS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIPS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO.

Co-introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigail G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Juliette Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Section 6, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property and the promotion of the general welfare are essential to the enjoyment by the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, enjoins every local government unit (LGU) to exercise powers expressly granted, those

necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, *Pokemon Go*, an augmented reality gaming app for iOS and Android mobile devices which uses GPS and Google maps that has taken the world by storm - was launched in the Philippines on August 6, 2016 and has brought thousands of people outdoors as they roam around public and private places on a quest to capture *Pokemon*;

WHEREAS, there are lure spots called as *Pokespots* or point of interest. It can be pubs, train stations, interesting architecture, malls and other edifices. The *Gym* is a location where you can pit your *Pokemon* in battle against other trainers vying for dominance. Like *Pokestops*, *gyms* are assigned to local landmarks;

WHEREAS, apart from the reported incidents of "*Pokemon zombies*" injuring gamers or others due to poor situational awareness, *Pokemon Go* should not be played at certain locations for reasons of public safety and human decency;

WHEREAS, government offices and schools should be off limits for reasons that it would bring down productivity levels on government workers and due to the risk posed by uncontrolled usage among the school children nor does it befit the dignity of other locations, such as houses of religious worships to be invaded by gamers blindly chalking up points;

WHEREAS, Americans have already objected to the appearance of *Pokemon Go* characters at the Holocaust Memorial Museum and Arlington National Cemetery, while the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Poland has asked game developer Niantic to exclude the former Nazi death camp from the game to safeguard the solemnity of the site;

WHEREAS, Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) Branch 3 Judge Yvonne Cabaron Artiaga banned the playing of the game in the courtroom after a guest distracted her from listening to the testimony of another witness in a hearing stating that a companion of a witness was visibly teetering his smartphone trying to catch *Pokemon*; ✓


WHEREAS, Pokemon targets are assigned by Niantic Inc., while one can request certain locations to be removed from play.

NOW, THEREFORE,

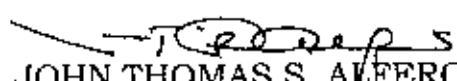
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to convey, as it does hereby convey an entreaty to Niantic, Inc., developer of the reality mobile game Pokemon Go to exclude from putting lure locations in inappropriate places like government offices, schools and places of worships within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Resolution to Mr. John Hanke, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Niantic, Inc. at No. 2 Bryant Street Suite 220 San Francisco CA 94105 USA and all other concern for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: June 5, 2017.

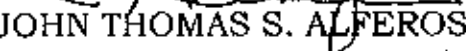

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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 5, 2017 and was CONFIRMED on June 19, 2017.


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

