

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 20th City Council

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34th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 7161, S-2017

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. JOHN FERNANDEZ RASPADO FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO ASIAN DELEGATE TO WIN MR. GAY WORLD.

Introduced by Councilors IVY XENIA L. LAGMAN and LENA MARIE P. JUICO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, 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, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Marra C. Suntay, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, 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 11, Article II, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, the members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) continue to experience stigma, prejudice and discrimination, as manifested in actions such as bullying, teasing and harassment;

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City Gender and Development Code (QC GAD Code) states that it is the policy of the City to employ conscious efforts at improving the quality of lives of women and men of all sexual orientations and identities based on sustained, equitable growth and balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014, entitled "An Ordinance Providing for a Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Policy on the Basis of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE)", was enacted to actively work for the elimination of all forms of discrimination that offend the equal protection clause of the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Constitution, and other existing laws and to value the dignity of every person, guarantee full respect for human rights, and give the highest priority to measures that protect and enhance the right of all people;

WHEREAS, Mr. Gay World is an annual contest for gay men, seeking to establish ambassadors for the LGBTs and human rights, with winners of national contests competing as delegates in a variety of categories. The primary purpose of which is to identify leaders who will take responsibility of being a spokesperson not only in his own community, but on a global stage speaking out for equal human rights;

WHEREAS, occasions like Mr. Gay World is a notable attempt to eliminate the stigma and discrimination being experienced by the members of the LGBT community, and show that they are also highly respectable and productive members of the society;

WHEREAS, John Fernandez Raspado is the very first Filipino Asian delegate to win Mr. Gay World held last 10 May 2017 in Madrid, Spain;

WHEREAS, Mr. Raspado is also a Self-Worth Ambassador for the advocacy group LoveYourself, Inc. Said organization offers free and confidential HIV testing and treatment, counseling and peer education, and initiating programs and projects towards HIV/AIDS awareness;

WHEREAS, Mr. Raspado is a resident of New Manila, Quezon City from 2011 to present;

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WHEREAS, Quezon City is known as a city honoring and aggressively fighting for the rights of the LGBT community;

WHEREAS, the local government of Quezon City should give this due commendation to individuals who continue to be an inspiration to others, remain true to their self, and stand for their rights in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to extend, as it does hereby extend the sincerest congratulations to Mr. John Fernandez Raspado for being the first Filipino Asian delegate to win Mr. Gay World.

ADOPTED: July 10, 2017.

PRECIOUS HIPOLYTO CASTELO

Acting Vice Mayor 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 July 10, 2017 and was CONFIRMED on July 31, 2017.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III

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