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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
20th City Council

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53rd Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP-**7349**, S-2018

A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE CONGRESS TO AMEND THE REVISED PENAL CODE TO INCLUDE HATE CRIMES AS AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE.

Introduced by Councilor JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA.

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 Abigael 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, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., 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 Constitution provides that "the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights";

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Bill of Rights of the said Constitution guarantees the equal protection of the law for every person;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council approved Ordinance No. SP-2357, S-2014 or the Quezon City Gender-Fair Ordinance which calls for the elimination of all forms of discrimination that offend the equal protection clause of the Bill of Rights;

WHEREAS, Article 14 (3), Chapter 4, Title 1, Book 1 of the Revised Penal Code provides, as one of the circumstances that aggravate criminal liability, that the crime "be committed with insult or in disregard of the respect due to the offended party on account of his rank, age, or sex...";

WHEREAS, the effect of an aggravating circumstance attending the crime is increasing the penalty to its maximum period;

WHEREAS, it is not considered aggravating if the crime is committed due to the negative opinion, intolerance, or hatred towards a person or social group based on their ethnicity, race, religion or belief, political inclination, social class, gender identity, sexual orientation, gender expression, civil status, medical condition, or any other status;


WHEREAS, the lack of a mechanism in the country to identify, prevent, or resolve hate crimes means that there is no recognition of their occurrence and no system to deal with them as such.

NOW, THEREFORE,

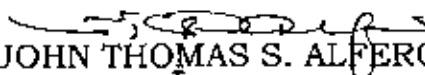
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Philippine Congress to amend the Revised Penal Code to include Hate Crimes as an Aggravating Circumstance.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Senate President, Honorable Aquilino Pimentel III and House Speaker, Honorable Pantaleon Alvarez.

ADOPTED: February 5, 2018.

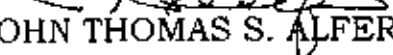

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 5, 2018 and was CONFIRMED on February 19, 2018.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary

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