

## Republic of the Philippines OUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 20th City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP-\_\_7425 , S-2018

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL NO. 51 ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR".

Introduced by Councilor 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, Alian Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malangen, Irene R. Belmonte, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, 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 states that "the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, Article III of the 1987 Constitution which pertains to the Bill of Rights provides for the Equal Protection Clause. This clause requires that "laws operate equally and uniformly on all persons under similar circumstances or that all persons must be treated in the same manner, the conditions not being different, both in the privileges conferred and the liabilities imposed." (J.M Tuason and Co. vs. The Land Tenure Administration, 31 SCRA 413).

WHEREAS, oppression and other discriminatory acts committed against marginalized sectors, most especially the LGBT community still continues to exist. Hence, there is a need to address the same to empower the sectors;

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WHEREAS, in schools, workplaces, commercial establishments, public service, police and the military, prejudicial practices and policies based on sexual orientation and gender identity limit the enjoyment of these basic human rights;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 51 seeks to define and penalize practices that unjustly discriminate LGBTs. There is an urgent need to correct the long-standing discrimination against lesbians and gays in the Philippine society.

## NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby strongly support the passage of House Bill No. 51 entitled: "An Act Prohibiting Discrimination on the basis of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (SOGI) and providing penalties therefor".

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Congress of the Philippines.

ADOPTED: March 5, 2018.

MA. JOSEFINA O BELMONTE

City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

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CERTIFICATION

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