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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

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21st City Council

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60th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- **8488** , S-2021

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER CITY RELATIONS BETWEEN QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES AND RISHON LEZION, STATE OF ISRAEL AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA "JOY" G. BELMONTE TO SIGN THE SISTER CITY AGREEMENT.

*Introduced by Councilors EDEN DELILAH "CANDY" A. MEDINA.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio,
Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Bernard R. Herrera,
Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nicole
Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T.
Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F.
Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate
Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Jorge L.
Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C.
Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L.
Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo,
Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla,
Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio
"Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato
"Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and
Noe Dela Fuente.*

WHEREAS, the Government of Rishon LeZion, State of Israel, has expressed its intention of being the Sister City of Quezon City, Philippines. This is in recognition of the longstanding friendship between the State of Israel and the Republic of the Philippines that started during the time of President Manuel L. Quezon;

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WHEREAS, after the farewell visit of the Philippine Ambassador to Mayor Raz Kinstlich of Rishon LeZion, a proposal was brought up to examine the possibility of signing a Sister City Agreement with the local government of Quezon City, Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City was chosen due to the construction of the "Open Doors" Monument located since 2009 in Rishon LeZion, the monument is located in the Holocaust Memorial park in Rishon LeZion;

WHEREAS, the Monument was erected in memory of the generosity and open hearts of the Filipino people in 1939, when President Manuel L. Quezon opened the doors of his country and gave shelter to Jewish refugees who had fled the Nazis in Europe;

WHEREAS, Rishon LeZion, State of Israel, shares with Quezon City a common desire to promote understanding and friendship, and work towards the common good for their residents and constituents;

WHEREAS, sisterhood city relationship opens opportunities for mutual benefit where both town desire to strengthen ties of friendship through exchanges in science and technology, commerce/trade and industry, culture and arts, tourism, planning and urban development, education and sports development, environmental protection, public health, education, affordable housing, revenue generation, and local governance, among others;

WHEREAS, Quezon City and Rishon LeZion encourages business ties, in the field of trade and commerce, much attention and education innovation cooperation;

WHEREAS, the local government of Quezon City, Philippines is more than honored to be a Sister City of the Rishon LeZion, State of Israel.

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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 establishment of a Sister City relations between Quezon City, Philippines and Rishon LeZion, State of Israel and further authorizing the City Mayor, Hon. Maria Josefina "Joy" G. Belmonte to sign the Sister City agreement.

ADOPTED: March 22, 2021.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 22, 2021 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

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