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RESOLUTION NO. SP-T 476, S-2000

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY APPEALING TO NATIONAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN QUEZON CITY, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY, AS A WHOLE, TO STRICTLY UPHOLD, DEFEND AND ADHERE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES - THE BASIC LAW OF THE LAND, AT ALL TIMES AND DURING THIS PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY NOW OBTAINING IN OUR COUNTRY, THEREBY PRESERVING PEACE AND ORDER AND THE TRANQUILITY IN THE WHOLE OF QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor GEORGE M. CANSECO.

Sponsored by Councilors Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Vincent P. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Rommel R. Abesamis, Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa, Godofredo T. Liban II, Marciano P. Medalla, Eric Z. Medina, Fernando V. Avanzado, Jesus C. Suntay, Marcel C. Rillo and Almario E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, our country is now facing political and economic unrest and uncertainty in view of the accusations, unwarranted commentaries and uncertain reports and unnecessary reaction from different political groups, religious orders and churches, industrial and commercial associations, including business, civic and social clubs, leading the citizenry to a state of confusion and fear;

WHEREAS, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of the government perform maximum efforts to stabilize and normalize the way of life for all the people of our country, but still the disturbed and uncertain feelings still exist from amongst the citizenry,

WHEREAS, most of the national offices of the government, including the House of Representatives, the Sandiganbayan, the Commission on Audit, the different Departments, the Headquarters of the AFP and the Philippine National Police, the leading Television and Radio Broadcast Offices and Studios and other sensitive and enforcement agencies are located in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, the gatherings, demonstrations, rallies and protest marches, for and against the administration, are being held and proposed to be done in Quezon City;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to appeal, it does hereby strongly appeal, to national and local officials and employees in Quezon City, and the people of the City, as a whole, to strictly uphold, defend and adhere to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines - the basic law of the land, at all times and during this period of uncertainty now obtaining in our country, thereby preserving peace and order and the tranquility in the whole of Quezon City.

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RESOLVED, FURTHER, to implore, as it does hereby implore, all concerned, the spirit and intention of the following provisions of the Constitution, as a means to attain clarification and understanding applicable to all predicaments and situations.

**"ARTICLE II - DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES  
AND STATE POLICIES**

SEC. 3. Civilian authority is at all times, supreme over the military. The Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and integrity of the National territory.

SEC. 4. The prime duty of the government is to serve and protect the people. The government may call upon the people to defend the State and, in the fulfillment thereof, all citizens may be required, under conditions provided by law, to render personal military or civil service.

SEC. 5. The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.

SEC. 6. The separation of the Church and State shall be inviolable.

SEC. 11. The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

**ARTICLE III - BILL OF RIGHTS**

Sec. 1. No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the law.

Sec. 2. The right of the people to be secure in their person, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures of whatever nature and for any purpose shall be inviolable, and no search warrant or warrant of arrest shall be issued except upon probable cause to be determined personally by the Judge after examination under oath or affirmation of the complainant and the witnesses he may produce and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.

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ARTICLE XIII - SOCIAL JUSTICE  
AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Sec. 15. The State shall respect the role of independent people's organizations to enable the people to pursue and protect, within the democratic framework, their legitimate and collective interest and aspirations through peaceful and lawful means.

ARTICLE XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 5. (1) All members of the Armed Forces shall take an oath or affirmation to uphold and defend the Constitution.

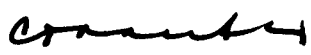
(2) The State shall strengthen the patriotic spirit and nationalist consciousness of the military, and respect for people's rights in the performance of their duty.

(3) Professionalism in the Armed Forces and adequate remuneration and benefits of its members shall be a prime concern of the State. The Armed Forces shall be insulated from partisan politics. No member of the military shall engage directly or indirectly in any partisan political activity except to vote."


RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, to appeal, as it does hereby further appeal to all concerned and the people of Quezon City as a whole, to be well-informed and familiar with all the provisions of the Constitution of our country so as to attain civility, fairness, observance and protected during this period of uncertainty resulting to economic turmoil.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Executive Secretary, the Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP), the City Mayor of Quezon City, the Chief of the Quezon City Barangay Operations Center, and the President of the Liga ng mga Barangay, Quezon City Chapter.

ADOPTED: November 14, 2000.

  
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Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
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