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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6099** S-2014

A RESOLUTION URGING THE SIX (6) HONORABLE CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF QUEZON CITY TO INITIATE AND WORK FOR A LEGISLATION DECLARING AUGUST 23 A NATIONAL OFFICIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE CALLED ARAW NG HARINGBAYAN.

Introduced by Councilor VICTOR V. FERRER, JR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Franz S. Punaren, Eufemio C. Lagunbay, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julienne Alyson Ras V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, the historic event known to Filipinos today as the Cry of Pugadlawin, which took place in what is now Barangay Bahay Toro on August 23, 1896, is known in Philippine history as the day when a gathering by some 1,000 Katipuneros, led by their Supremo Andres Bonifacio, resulted in the said revolutionary people's decision to declare of independence from Spain;

WHEREAS, the Katipuneros at Pugadlawin actually constituted themselves as a people's assembly, and firmly decided to launch on that day, August 23, 1896, the Katipunan-led Revolution, which was Asia's first revolution against colonial rule; and this historic event should also be remembered for being the revolutionary Indios' first united assertion and exercise of their sovereign power to decide for themselves what their political future shall be;

WHEREAS, the aim of the Katipunan-led revolution was to establish an independent and democratic nation to be known as Haringbayan ng Katagalugan, instead of a Philippine Republic that was later proclaimed by General Emilio Aguinaldo; X

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WHEREAS, the Katipuneros at Pugadlawin manifested their firm resolve to liberate the Philippines by tearing their cedula, or residence certificates, which they deemed to be proof of their bondage to Spain;

WHEREAS, under Bonifacio's leadership, the Katipunan gave the name Katagalugan to the entire Philippine archipelago and used the term "haringbayan" as the Tagalog equivalent to the English term "sovereign people" or free nation, and thus when the Katipuneros tore their cedula on August 23, 1896, they were, in fact, declaring that they were a sovereign people - or a free nation - effective on that day;

WHEREAS, the Cry of Pugadlawin, considering that it is a day sacred to every true nationalist of the Philippines, should be celebrated nationwide, pursuant to the provisions of the 1987 Constitution declaring that "sovereignty resides in the people" and that the State should promote the advancement of nationalism in this country;

WHEREAS, there is today a clamor by patriotic citizens of this country, as evidenced by a letter-petition, dated May 10, 2014, from the officers of the Pugad Lawin Philippines, Inc., led by their National President Dominador Alcala, for the Quezon City Council to initiate the process of strongly urging the Congress of the Philippines to enact a law declaring August 23 a National Official Non-Working Holiday to be called the Araw ng Haringbayan.


NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby respectfully urge the Six (6) Honorable Congressional Representatives of Quezon City to initiate and work for the enactment of a law declaring August 23 a national official non-working holiday to be called "Araw ng Haringbayan (The Sovereign People's Day)". A

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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each of the Honorable Representatives to Congress of the six (6) districts of Quezon City for their information and guidance.

ADOPTED: September 1, 2014.



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
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 September 1, 2014 and was CONFIRMED on September 8, 2014.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't Asst. Dept. Head III 