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Quezon City 19th City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 6102 S-2014

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT TOY SAFETY AWARENESS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, CANDY A. MEDINA and LENA MARIE P. JUICO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III. Roderick M. Paulate, Ramilfo Z. Ludovica, Rimon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allem Benedict S. Rieyes, Franz S. Puntaren, Pafemio C. Lagumboy, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Joime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malangen, Jesuica Castelo Doza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II. Andres Jone G. Mana, Jr., Allan Butch T. Francisco, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Picardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, the sale of tops and other children's products continue to sour as Christman, the grand season of gift-giving, draws nearer;

WHEREAS, the booming trade in toys is also needing the proliferation of potentially invarious products that contain chemicals that can harm children's growth and development;

WHEREAS, the Eco-Waste Coalition, an environmental network dedicated to zero waste and chemical safety, bought 150 toys sample from various Divisoria retailers on Suptember 2012 and had them screened for heavy metals using an X-Ray Fluorescence (XIIF) analyzer:

WHEREAS, the rest results, as published in major newspapers, showed that 14 of the 150 samples (49%) had toxic metals such as antirecry, exemic, cadmium, chronium, lead, and mercury above permissible levels of register of a

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WHEREAS, 54 of the 150 samples (36%) were found to contain high concentration of lead up to 14,100 parts per million (ppm), way above US lead in paint limit of 90 ppm;

WHEREAS, according to the UN-backed Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint, "Lead is a chamical of major public health concern that can have profound and permanent adverse health effects on children";

WHEREAS, these adverse health effects may include mental retardation, developmental delays, learning disabilities, lower intelligence quotient scores, poor school performance, attention deficit disorder aggression, and other behavioral problems, as well as aremia, hearing loss, and hidney damage;

WHEREAS, health experts have declared no safe threshold for lead exposure among children and have recognized the reduction of childhood lead exposure as a fundamental goal in public health;

WHEREAS, the sustained advocacy for non-toxic rope by the Eco-Waste Coalition has generated broad support from the public and private sectors, and even from lawmakers in the House of Representatives and the Senate where relevant bills and resolutions have been filed;

WHEREAS, the City Government is cognizant of the problems on lead exposure among children and is one with the National and Global communities in preventing and reducing childhood lead exposure, especially from the most avoidable sources of exposure, such as lead in paint and lead in consumer products such as toys;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government appeals to all toy manufacturers, importers, distributors and vendors to strictly adhere to existing government toy regulations, and to prioritize children's health and safety over and above profits;

WELERALL the City Council is mandated to formulate legislative measures to promote the wilfare of its constituency. Y

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE I' MESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN RECULTAR MESSION ASSEMBLED, to direct, as it does hereby direct the Quezon City Health Department to conduct an on-the-spot toy nafety awareness and enforcement activities in cooperation with the Department of Health, Food and Drug Administration (the lead Notional Government Agency in charge of regulating toys) in major commercial establishments in Quezon City.

ADOFTED: August 4, 2014.

MA. JOSÉENA G. BELMONTE Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. DEN THOMAS STALFEROS III
C ty Gov't Asst. Dept Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 4, 2014 and was CONFIRMED on August 11, 2014.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS & ALFEROS III

City Gov't Asst. Dept. Head III