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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6158** , S-2014

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "THE INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DISAPPEARED" CELEBRATED EVERY LAST WEEK OF MAY.

Introduced by Councilor LENA MARIE P. JUICO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo I. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Sunlay, Marvin C. Rillo, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Allan Butch T. Francisco, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, enforced disappearance is a crime involving forcible deprivation of liberty and other basic rights such as the right to security and dignity, right to fair trial, right not to be tortured, right to truth, right to family life, and most often the right to life and the right to identification and proper burial or cremation. It is a tool used by tyrannical governments to stifle dissent and terrorize communities;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, the crime of enforced disappearance reached its peak during the Marcos dictatorship. Activitists, students, journalists, farmers and community workers were disappeared during this time, leaving thousands of families broken, and until this very day, denied the right to truth;

WHEREAS, enforced disappearances continued even after the Marcos regime and many cases remain unresolved;

WHEREAS, the Philippines enacted the Anti-Disappearance Law which is considered as a landmark human rights legislation but is facing the challenge of poor implementation;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is seeking accession to the International Convention Against Disappearance (CED). The CED is a product of decades of struggle of families of the disappeared around the world to have a normative human rights instrument that protects the right not to be disappeared, and strengthens state accountability and responsibility;

WHEREAS, the Philippine involvement in the International Convention Against Disappearance (CED) will further ensure the protection of human rights and the promotion of justice and truth.


NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to commemorate, as it does hereby commemorate the "International Week of the Disappeared" celebrated every May 26-30.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the City Council of Quezon City joins the fervent call for the government to fully and strictly implement the law, and ensure that no disappearance, under any administration, will be committed.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Commission on Human Rights and other concerned organizations, for their information.

ADOPTED: September 29, 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 29, 2014 and was CONFIRMED on October 20, 2014.


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