

Republic of the Philippines OUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 19th City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 6304 , S-2015

A RESOLUTION URGING FOR THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION IN ALL TERRITORIAL COLLEGES WITHIN THEUNIVERSITIES ANDJURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049, ENTITLED "AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF AND OTHER SORORITIES. INITIATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES. PENALTIES THEREFOR", AND**PROVIDING ORGANIZATIONS** OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-HAZING LAW IN THE PHILIPPINES"

Introduced by Councilor LENA MARIE P. JUICO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Dorothy A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Marvin C. Rillo, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Raquel S. Malangen, Jessica Castelo Daza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julienne 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, the Philippines is a state party to several international agreements such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), Convention Against Torture (CAT), and International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), that seek to eliminate all forms of torture, abuse and violence.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of R.A. No. 8049 defines "hazing" as an initiation rite or practice as a prerequisite for admission into membership in a fraternity, sorority or organization by placing the recruit, neophyte or applicant in some embarrassing or humiliating situations such as forcing him to do menial, silly, foolish and other similar tasks or activities or otherwise subjecting him to physical or psychological suffering or injury.

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8049, otherwise known as the Anti-Hazing Law was enacted to address the rampant violence happening in various fraternities, sororities and organizations. The act is supposed to penalize those who go too far during initiation rites wherein the neophyte or recruit is made to bear and suffer extreme pain through violence.

WHEREAS, despite the enactment of R.A. No. 8049 in 1995, there are still numerous reports of death and injuries in various parts of the country, the most recent of which is the death of Guillo Cesar Servando, a sophomore student taking up Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management in De La Salle College of St. Benilde, on June 28, 2014.

WHEREAS, according to GMA News Online there are eleven (11) reported fraternity-related deaths between July 18, 1954 and July 30, 2012 excluding fraternity-related rumbles.

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines has recorded four deaths resulting from fraternity-related rumbles from September 22, 1969 and February 10, 2010. Evidently, this data only reflects those deaths that became the subject of newspaper and television news reports.

WHEREAS, R.A. No. 8049 seeks to eliminate all forms of violence and injury, physical and/or mental and to prevent death resulting from initiation rites or practice as a prerequisite for admission into membership in a fraternity, sorority, or organization.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the strict implementation in all universities and colleges within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City of Republic Act No. 8049 entitled "An Act Regulating Hazing and Other Forms of Initiation Rites in Fraternities, Sororities and other Organizations and Providing Penalties Therefor", otherwise known as the "Anti-Hazing Law in the Philippines".

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the City Council of Quezon City shall uphold the constitutional mandate for the promotion and protection of human rights, the right to freedom from inhumane and degrading treatment, the right to highest attainable standards of physical and mental health and the right to life, liberty, and property.

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RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Commission on Human Rights, the Committee on Education, Science and Technology, and the Committee of Public Welfare and Illegal Drugs.

ADOPTED: March 16, 2015.

ANTHONY PERSON CRISOLOGO
Acting Vice Mayor

Acting 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 March 16, 2015 and was CONFIRMED on March 23, 2015.

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