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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6579**, S-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE HERBERT M. BAUTISTA, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN OR "UN WOMEN", REPRESENTED BY PROJECT MANAGER'S NAME, ON THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION PESOS (PHP5,000,000.00) TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EXECUTION OF THE "SAFE CITIES QUEZON CITY PROJECT, OF THE SAFE CITIES FREE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS GLOBAL PROGRAMME".

Introduced by Councilors JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, IENA MARIE P. JUICO and GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Ramon P. Medalla, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jaime F. Borres, Jose A. Visaya, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution and the Magna Carta of Women mandate the State to affirm the role of women in nation building and ensure the substantive equality of women and men. It shall promote empowerment of women and pursue equal opportunities for women and men and ensure equal access to resources and to development results and outcome. Further, the State realizes that equality of men and women entails the abolition of the unequal structures and practices that perpetuate discrimination and inequality;

WHEREAS, UN Women reported high incidence of women being assaulted or experience a fear of assault in public spaces such as in city streets, public transport or their own neighborhoods and where women's insecurity in cities from a gender perspective remains a largely neglected issue;

WHEREAS, UN Women launched the "Safe Cities Free of Violence Against Women and Girls" Global Initiative, a global comparative effort that develops, implements and evaluates tools and policies to prevent and respond to sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women and girls in public spaces across different settings;

WHEREAS, the Safe Cities Programme by UN Women will increase safety and improve the quality of life of women, youth and children by developing and testing a local safe city approach in Quezon City by improving the capacity of local authorities to recognize and prevent sexual violence in public spaces, conducting public awareness activities to mobilize the community, and facilitating policy linkages and coordination across local and national levels;

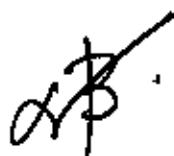
WHEREAS, in Quezon City, there is a lack of systematized data on sexual harassment (SH) and sexual violence (SV), a lack of substantive legal protection against these forms of violence and a general aversion among women to report incidents of SH and SV in public;

WHEREAS, by proving support for women and girls in Quezon City to claim their right to safety through trailblazing local legislation, improves public awareness and substantiated data collection, the issue of sexual harassment and sexual violence in public spaces will be raised thereby setting an example to other cities;

WHEREAS, from October 2015 until February 2016, Quezon City will conduct a series of writeshops of its Local Gender Focal Persons to review and amend local legislations conduct baseline research on sexual harassment and other forms of sexual violence against women and girls in pilot Barangays Payatas and Bagong Silangan; develop and disseminate multimedia advocacy materials to spread awareness; and hold trainings for judges, prosecutors and law enforcers for the effective enforcement of legal protections;

WHEREAS, the allotment of Five Million Pesos (PHP5,000,000.00) will be utilized to finance the aforementioned operations and outputs of the programme's implementation by the Quezon City government;

WHEREAS, consistent with the vision of the State and the mandate of the Constitution, the contracting parties acknowledged their joint responsibility and undertaking under the Memorandum of Agreement in the pursuit of addressing the pressing concern of preventing and responding to the prevention of sexual violence and sexual harassment in public places and ensuring a gender-secure urban environment. X




NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize, as it does hereby authorize the City Mayor, of Quezon City, Honorable Herbert M. Bautista, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with UN Women, for the transfer of funds in the amount of Five Million Pesos (PHP5,000,000.00) to provide support for the implementation of the "Safe Cities Quezon City Project of the Safe Cities Free Of Violence Against Women and Girls Global Programme".


RESOLVED, FURTHER, to authorize the Treasury and Accounting Departments to maintain a separate and distinct Trust Fund account for the programme in order to avoid commingling of funds from the United Nations, as an international organization, and facilitate disbursement and liquidation thereof.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by Quezon City Government and UN Women be made an integral part of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: November 16, 2015.



VINCENT D.G. BELMONTE
President Pro-Tempore
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 November 16, 2015 and was CONFIRMED on November 23, 2015.


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

