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Quezon City 19th City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP-_ 6603___, S-2015

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN" CELEBRATED EVERY 15TH OF OCTOBER.

Introduced by Councilor LENA MARIE "Mayen" 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 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, 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, World Rural Women's Day was launched by several international NGOs during the 4th UN World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, and a worldwide empowerment and educational campaign is annually organized since 1997 by the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF). Hence, celebrations and events take place to commemorate the same in more than 100 countries around the world;

WHEREAS, the first International Day of Rural Women was observed on 15 October 2008. This new international day, established by the UN General Assembly in its Resolution 62/136 of 18 December 2007, recognizes "the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty":

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WHEREAS, Rural women over the world play a major role in ensuring food security and development and stability of the rural areas. Yet, with little or no status, they frequently lack the power to secure land rights or to access vital services such as credit, inputs, extension services, training and education. Their vital contribution to society goes largely unnoticed. World Rural Women's Day celebration aims to change this by bringing rural women out of obscurity at least once a year - to remind society how much they owe to rural women, and to give value and credit to their work;

WHEREAS, Rural women are key agents for achieving the transformational economic, environmental and social changes required for sustainable development. Empowering them will greatly improve not only the well-being of individuals, families and rural communities, but also the overall economic productivity, given women's large presence in the agricultural workforce worldwide;

WHEREAS, Rural women comprise more than one quarter of the total world population and 500 million women live below the poverty line in rural areas. This, despite the fact that: Women produce 60-80% of basic foodstuffs in sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean; Women perform over 50% of the labor involved in intensive rice cultivation in Asia; Women perform 30% of the agricultural work in industrialized countries; Women head 60% of households in some regions of Africa; Women meet 90% of household water and fuel needs in Africa; Women process 100% of basic household foodstuffs in Africa;

WHEREAS, the World Rural Women's Day activities and events aim to highlight the important role and work of women in nation-building and to draw attention to the problems they are experiencing and to discuss their needs;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7192, otherwise known as the "Women In Development and Nation-building Act" states that the State recognizes the role of women in nation building and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men. The State shall provide women rights and opportunities equal to that of men;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7192 mandates the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), with the assistance of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, to ensure that the different government departments, including its agencies and instrumentalities which, directly or indirectly, affect the participation of women in national development and their integration therein, to formulate and prioritize rural or countryside development programs or projects, provide income and employment opportunities to women in the rural areas and thus, prevent their heavy migration from rural to urban or foreign countries.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to commemorate, as it does hereby commemorate the celebration of the International Day of Rural Women celebrated every 15th of October.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the City Council of Quezon City shall recognize the role and contribution of rural women not only in enhancing agricultural and rural development, but also in nation-building.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to different Non-government Organizations for women, the Department of Agriculture, the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

ADOPTED: October 19, 2015.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS SUALFEROS 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 October 19, 2015 and was CONFIRMED on November 16, 2015.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS SVALFEROS III

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