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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
Quezon City  
21<sup>st</sup> City Council

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26<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 8200, S-2020

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG SENTIMENTS OF THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, THE CITY VICE MAYOR, HONORABLE GIAN G. SOTTO, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO URGE ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ELECTRIC, TELECOMMUNICATION, AND WATER COMPANIES, TO ALLOW A 30-DAY BILL PAYMENT EXTENSION FROM DUE DATE.

*Introduced by Councilor WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO.*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Franz S. Pumaren, Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Atty. Bong Liban, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Peachy V. De Leon, Marra C. Suntay, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.*

*WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, explicitly provides that, "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare x x x."*

*WHEREAS, in the exercise of its police power, the City Council, as the local legislative body, may enact legislative measures or prescribe regulations to protect public health and ensure public order and safety;*

*WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has characterized and declared Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a global pandemic;*

*WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte announced that Metro Manila will be subjected to "community quarantine" to protect the public from the contagion, including the closure or restricted hours of operations of businesses and services;*

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Quezon City was placed under a state of calamity due to the threat of the spread of COVID-19, with the City Council unanimously approving the resolution declaring the state of calamity during a special session;

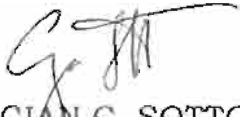
WHEREAS, every household in Quezon City are due to process and pay for their monthly bills from public utility companies, such as but not limited to MERALCO, Maynilad, Manila Water, Globe, Smart, PLDT, Sky Cable, which would entail them processing the said transactions at the respective payment centers;

WHEREAS, at this critical time in history, the Quezon City Local Government needs to support its constituents by helping them to avoid the coronavirus and remain healthy, and doing everything it can within legal boundaries to support the people of Quezon City and their properties.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express, the strong sentiments of the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, the City Vice Mayor, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, and the Members of the City Council to urge all public utilities, including but not limited to electric, telecommunication, and water companies, to allow a 30-day bill payment extension from due date.

ADOPTED: March 16, 2020.

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 16, 2020 under Suspended Rules and was CONFIRMED on the same date.

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

