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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **8407**, S-2020

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY MAYOR TO IMMEDIATELY INITIATE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE DISPLACEMENT OF WORKERS BROUGHT BY COVID-19 IN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor MIKEY F. BELMONTE.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, 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, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922 on 8 March 2020, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the entire Philippines. Further, Presidential Proclamation No. 929, dated 16 March 2020, declared a State of National Calamity over a period of six (6) months. Presidential Proclamation No. 929 likewise imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine beginning 16th of March 2020 until the 13th of April 2020;

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum issued by the Executive Secretary on 16 March 2020, with the Subject "Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation", Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and Stringent Social Distancing Measures were imposed over the entire Luzon effective 17 March 2020 until 13 April 2020;

WHEREAS, the imposition of ECQ placed a bulk of the national economy in sudden hibernation, thereby adversely affecting businesses from all industries and sectors, and of varying capitalization;

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WHEREAS, Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello, in an article dated 21 May 2020, stated that around 2.6 million workers have already been displaced due to the temporary closure of businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and most of the displaced workers came from the transportation, manufacturing, hotel, restaurants, tourism and education sectors. Further it was estimated by the Labor Secretary that job displacement can reach up to 10 million by the end of the year due to the effects of the said pandemic;

WHEREAS, in the light of the increasing number of displaced workers, the City Government must perform an active role in facilitating employment and job matching to those affected by the pandemic;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 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. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, enhance economic prosperity and social justice and promote full employment among their residents;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the city government to effectively assist displaced workers through short-term emergency employment, immediate job facilitation, and skills matching with various industry players;

WHEREAS, given the forecast provided by Secretary Bello with regard to the potential total number of displaced workers in the country due to COVID-19, the City Government must ensure that all planned interventions by Quezon City to address the displaced workers be prioritized for the duration of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to request, as it does hereby request, the City Mayor to immediately initiate a program that would address the displacement of workers brought by COVID-19 in Quezon City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) shall utilize online platforms as an alternative method in facilitating job employment and job matching of displaced workers.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to request the PESO to maintain a database to monitor the status of displaced workers. Regular updates on the accomplishments of the displaced workers related interventions shall be integrated in the regular reports of the PESO to the Office of the City Mayor.

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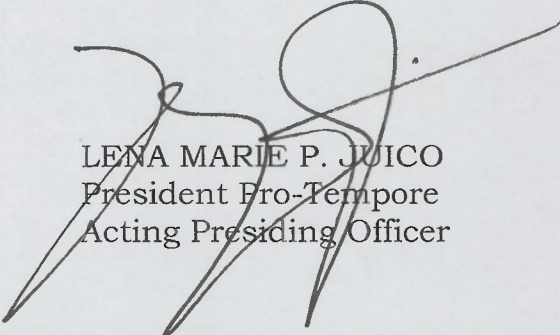
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RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to all relevant departments or offices under the administration of the City Government for their appropriate implementation.

ADOPTED: December 14, 2020.



LENA MARIE P. JUICO
President Pro-Tempore
Acting 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 December 14, 2020 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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