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5th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9023 , S-2022

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE QUEZON CITY DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT OFFICE (QCDRRMO) TO STRENGTHEN THE QUEZON CITY'S INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.

Introduced by Councilor EDGAR "Egay" G. YAP.

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WHEREAS, the State recognizes the people's constitutional rights to life and property by addressing susceptibilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters including the impact on climate change;

WHEREAS, the State adheres to and adopts the universal norms, principles and standards of humanitarian assistance and the global effort on risk reduction as concrete expression of the country's commitment to overcome human sufferings due to recurring disasters;



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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to adopt a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, integrated, and proactive in lessening the socio-economic and environmental impacts of disasters including climate change, and promote the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned, at all levels, especially the local community;

WHEREAS, during the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (3WCDRR) on 19 March 2015, the Philippines adopted the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) for 2015-2030 in Sendai, Japan. 187 UN Member Countries, including the Philippines have adopted the SFDRR. The Philippines' active participation in the negotiations in Sendai demonstrated the country's fervent resolve to help facilitate, together with other nations, the development of a framework that would strengthen international efforts in reducing disaster risks;

WHEREAS, according to the 20-year report of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), the Philippines is considered to be the fourth most disaster-prone country worldwide. Undeniably, the Philippines faces numerous natural disaster threats including typhoons, storm surges, floods, volcanic activities, earthquakes, droughts and tsunamis, annually;

WHEREAS, the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) underlined the vulnerability of the ASEAN region, stating that Member States are highly exposed to various natural events and the average total loss due to disasters in the region that could reach up to USD 17.9 billion per century;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a participant to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response which goals include building a disaster-resilient ASEAN and to reduce losses caused by disasters, and a platform for collective regional response;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to develop, promote, and implement a comprehensive National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) that aims to strengthen the capacity of the national government and the local government units (LGUs), together with partner stakeholders, to build the disaster resilience of communities, and to institutionalize arrangements and measures for reducing disaster risks, including projected climate risks, and enhancing disaster preparedness and response capabilities at all levels;



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WHEREAS, according to Inquirer.Net the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reported that the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that hit Abra on 27 July 2022 left 10 fatalities and 320 injured. The earthquake also affected 228,238 individuals or 62,024 families, all of whom are from the Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley and the Cordillera. The primer also showed that the earthquake displaced 6,176 families or 1,910 families who are now in 46 evacuation centers, as well as 27,207 individuals or 6,490 families who are not in evacuation centers.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly support, as it does hereby strongly support, the Quezon City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office (QCDRRMO) to strengthen the Quezon City's institutional capacity for disaster preparedness.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the office concerned shall continue to implement and improve the following:

- a) Maintain a system of monitoring 24/7 any possible type of disaster or calamity;
- b) Develop a system of gathering information or data on high-risk areas and adopt restructuring programs and/or preventive measures aimed at reducing risk;
- c) To facilitate and coordinate the conduct of regular trainings, drills and simulation exercises to test the adequacy of disaster response plans;
- d) Disseminate timely advisories and PHILVOCS bulletins through the council's official social media account;
- e) Continuous coordination with local fire and police department for any untoward incidents, imminent danger or calamity;
- f) Ensure readiness and availability of ambulance in every district in Quezon City;
- g) Continuous monitoring of CCTV feeds situated in hazard prone areas;
- h) Establish Incident Command System in every barangay;



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- i) Conduct Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) immediately after every occurrence of disaster;
- j) Undertake and participate in post-disaster reviews including lessons drawn from previous disasters in disaster preparedness and response plans;
- k) Assist relevant stakeholders to develop an appropriate risk transfer mechanism for post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation purposes;
- l) Collaborate with all relevant stakeholders so that disaster risk reduction and management become an integral objective of environment-related policies and plans, sound land use planning, natural resources management, education and social development plans, economic and sectoral policies, as well as infrastructure through enforcement of building codes;
- m) Foster inter-city disaster risk reduction management-related issues, including best practices and sharing of expertise;
- n) Provide and mobilize available resources through an established inter-agency resource sharing protocol;
- o) Coordinate inter-agency crisis management efforts;
- p) Establish accessible communication lines so that reliable and timely information are received and disseminated to appropriate levels;
- q) Enhance the capabilities of Quezon City Citizen Services Department, which manages the Emergency and Information Helpline, also known as QC 122 in order to make them more easily accessible to Quezon City residents in times of disasters and natural calamities, especially when all other means of communication are down; and
- r) To provide, in coordination with the Quezon City Citizen Services Department, fast, reliable, coordinated, continuous and integrated two-way radio communication system in every barangay with dedicated frequency, readily accessible to the general public, city officials and heads of various action units, especially during emergency and critical situations.

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (QCDRRMC), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Quezon City Bureau of Fire Protection, City Planning and Development Department, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department, Quezon City Engineering Department, Department of Public Order and Safety, Department of Building Official, and Quezon City Citizen Services Department.

ADOPTED: August 30, 2022.

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 August 30, 2022 and was CONFIRMED on September 5, 2022.

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