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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **9224**, S-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (FDA) RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR ENHANCING AND UPGRADING THE CAPABILITIES AND COMPLIANCE OF MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs).

Introduced by Councilor CANDY A. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas, and Julian Marcus D. Trono.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10611, otherwise known as the "Food Safety Act of 2013", and its IRR, provides that the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall, among others, be responsible for the enforcement of the "Code on Sanitation of the Philippines" (Presidential Decree No. 856, December 23, 1975), food safety standards, and food safety regulations where food is produced, processed, prepared and/or sold in their territorial jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, sanitation, particularly in public markets, slaughterhouses, micro and small food processing establishments, and public eating places; safe use of food additives, processing aids, and sanitation chemicals; and proper labeling of prepackaged foods. Accordingly, the LGUs shall participate in training programs, standards development, and other food safety activities to be undertaken by the Department of Health (DOH) and other concerned national agencies;

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11032, entitled "An Act Promoting Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9485, otherwise known as The Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, and For Other Purposes" or the Ease of Doing Business Act, mandates the adoption of simplified requirements and procedures that will reduce red tape and expedite business and nonbusiness-related transactions in government;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 includes strategies to practice good governance and improve bureaucratic and regulatory efficiency, strengthen, harmonize, and streamline regulatory services; transform production sector; improve stability of the manufacturing industry; and improve shared service facilities for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), in order to ensure that food safety and quality standards are met;

WHEREAS, there are only 6,000 Food Business Operators (FBOs) with Licenses to Operate issued by the Food and Drug Administration of the Philippines (FDA), and this includes manufacturers, distributors and traders from the FDA all over the cities and municipalities in the country, and information from the Department of the Interior and Local Government revealed that there are at least half a million FBOs representing community-based micro and small food processors, which are already producing processed food products that are being consumed by the public all over the country, including the National Capital Region;

WHEREAS, consistent with the idea of "Negosyong Pinoy, Babangon Muli" as part of FDA's program for MSMEs, and in line with the principles laid down under Republic Act No. 9501, entitled "An Act to Promote Entrepreneurship by Strengthening Development and Assistance Programs to Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6977, as amended, otherwise known as the 'Magna Carta for Small Scale Enterprises' and for Other Purposes", the FDA recognizes the need to promote, support, strengthen and encourage the growth and development of MSMEs;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government may assist in the implementation of food laws and other relevant regulations, and provide necessary technical assistance in the implementation of their food safety functions under their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, a first class city with trained and experienced Sanitary Inspectors under the Quezon City Health Department, expresses commitment to fully comply with the provisions of FDA Act of 2009, Food Safety Act of 2013, and the EODB Act in order to integrate micro business enterprises with the mainstream and national economy for the country's economic growth, to ensure public health, and to provide incentives to innovations, while generating employment and contributing to poverty alleviation at the community level;

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government and FDA recognize that a concerted effort among national agencies and local government units for this initiative will greatly benefit MSMEs in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 455(b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Mayor shall represent the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of Sangguniang Panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance.


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, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Food and Drug Administration of the Philippines (FDA) relative to the establishment and implementation of a pilot program for enhancing and upgrading the capabilities and compliance of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

ADOPTED: March 27, 2023.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 27, 2023 and was CONFIRMED on April 3, 2023.


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