



Republic of the Philippines
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
22nd City Council

PR22CC-1159

95th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- **9897**, S-2024

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST COMMENDATION AND CONGRATULATIONS OF THE 22ND QUEZON CITY COUNCIL, HEADED BY THE CITY VICE MAYOR, HONORABLE GIAN G. SOTTO, TO THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED BY FORBES AS ONE OF ITS INAUGURAL 50 SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS

Introduced by Councilor VITO SOTTO GENEROSO

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, Candy A. Medina, 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, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, 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, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, alongside other esteemed mayors, entrepreneurs, scientists, and global leaders working towards a sustainable future, the Quezon City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina "Joy" G. Belmonte, was named by Forbes as one of its inaugural 50 Sustainability Leaders for her exceptional leadership and dedication to combating climate change;

WHEREAS, Mayor Joy Belmonte made it to the said prestigious list, alongside fellow C40 Cities members (Mayors Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr of Freetown, Sierra Leone; Anne Hidalgo of Paris, France; and Michelle Wu of Boston), highlighting the global recognition of her efforts to implement innovative and scalable climate solutions;

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WHEREAS, *Forbes*, recognized as one of the world's leading business media platforms, is known for its authoritative rankings, including those of influential global leaders, entrepreneurs, and changemakers across various industries, and is esteemed for showcasing individuals making significant impacts on global issues, such as sustainability and innovation;

WHEREAS, *Forbes* acknowledged the 50 Sustainability Leaders for demonstrating ambition, innovation, and tangible impact in addressing environmental challenges, with Mayor Joy Belmonte earning praise for her vision and stewardship of Quezon City's sustainability initiatives;

WHEREAS, *Forbes* specifically lauded Mayor Joy Belmonte's declaration of a climate emergency for Quezon City in 2019, allowing the City to allocate a significant portion of its budget to climate initiatives, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050;

WHEREAS, Mayor Joy Belmonte's environmental efforts include doubling Quezon City's bike path network to 217 kilometers, electrifying the City's free bus service, installing solar panels on public buildings, banning plastic bags and single-use utensils, and introducing innovative programs such as the "trash-to-cashback" initiative and refilling stations for common household products;

WHEREAS, Mayor Joy Belmonte's recognition by *Forbes* further solidifies Quezon City's commitment to combating climate change and inspires the local government to continue implementing vital solutions for the betterment of the environment and future generations;

WHEREAS, this recognition follows Mayor Joy Belmonte's previous accolade as the 2023 United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Champion of the Earth for Policy Leadership, which highlights her strong advocacy and campaign against plastic pollution;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to extend, as it does hereby extend, the sincerest commendation and congratulations of the 22nd Quezon City Council, headed by the City Vice Mayor, Honorable Gian G. Sotto, to the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, for being recognized by *Forbes* as one of its inaugural 50 Sustainability Leaders.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, as a memento for her remarkable achievement.

ADOPTED: November 18, 2024.

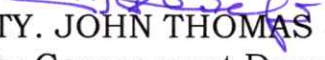

GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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 November 18, 2024 and was CONFIRMED on November 25, 2024.


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

