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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2416, S-2015

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AS VOLUNTEER MONTH TO BE KNOWN AS "BUWAN NG BAYANIHANG BAYAN SA LUNGSOD QUEZON" AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Lena Marie P. Juico, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Roderick M. Paulate, Estrella C. Valmocina, Ramon P. Medalla, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jessica Castelo Daza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 194 on December 7, 1987 declared every 5th of December as International Volunteer Day (IVD) for Economic and Social Development in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in December 1995, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed International Volunteer Day (IVD) to be observed annually every 5th of December;

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2007, Republic Act 9418, otherwise known as the Volunteer Act of 2007, was enacted to strengthen volunteerism among individuals and organizations in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the said Act provides a policy framework on volunteer programs in national government agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs) to promote and encourage volunteering in government programs and projects; as well as to enjoin government employees to render volunteer service in social, economic and humanitarian development undertakings in the communities;

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2013, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2013-27, addressed primarily to all Provincial Governors, City/Municipal Mayors, and DILG Regional Directors, providing the rationale, background, purpose, program components and roles and responsibilities of the Volunteer and Citizenship Program (VCP) in support of Republic Act No. 9418;

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2014, the Honorable Mayor Herbert M. Bautista issued an Executive Order No. 15, Series of 2014, formalizing the creation of Quezon City Volunteer and Citizenship Desk (QCVCD) to be known as the Bayanihang Bayan sa Quezon City (BB sa QC) Program in support of Republic Act No. 9418 and in compliance with the DILG's Memorandum Circular No. 2013-27;

WHEREAS, under the said Executive Order, the Head of Community Relations Office (CRO) will be the focal person of the Bayanihan Bayan sa Quezon City;

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WHEREAS, Quezon City is the home of various pioneering volunteer organizations in the Philippines, such as the Jesuits Volunteers of the Philippines, Ugnayan ng Pahinungod (UP), Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), Gawad Kalinga, Kapamilya Foundation, Kapuso Foundation, and thus was once dubbed as the NGO (Non-Government Organizations) Capital of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in 2013, during the time of the typhoon Yolanda, the Quezon City Local Government was among the first city to send volunteers to respond to the needs of our tragedy – stricken fellow Filipinos;

WHEREAS, volunteers play a major role in coping with the aftermath of major disasters in the Philippines and in rehabilitation and development aspect thereof;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, through the City Mayor and the City Council, desires to give due recognition to the vital contributions of the different Volunteers in Quezon City to nation-building.

NOW, THEREFORE,

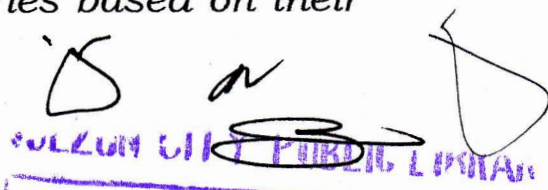
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that every month of December the Quezon City will celebrate the Volunteerism Month to be known as "BUWAN NG BAYANIHANG BAYAN SA LUNGSOD QUEZON".

SECTION 2. The purpose of the creation of this ordinance are as follows:

- a. To provide activities and programs to increase awareness on volunteerism in Quezon City;
- b. To encourage residents of Quezon City to be volunteers in different categories based on their capabilities and strength;

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- c. To recognize and respect the vital role of civil society by providing awards to outstanding Volunteers in different categories;
- d. To provide programs that will promote the participation of various sectors in society in public and civic affairs; and
- e. To provide activities and programs that will strengthen the participation of the multisectoral public-private partnership.

SECTION 3. There shall be a Steering Committee for this purpose, composed of the City Mayor or his representative to the Executive Body, the Head of the Community Relation Office as the Lead Focal Person, and other members to be appointed by the City Mayor to thresh out the details of the celebration.

SECTION 4. There shall be a Technical Working Group (TWG) to be organized by the Community Relations Office. The primary function of the TWG is to provide technical assistance to the Bayanihang Bayan sa Lungsod Quezon programs and projects.


SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated the sum of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the celebration. Such amount shall be taken from any available funds of the City Mayor.

SECTION 6. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder thereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 7. All executive orders, rules and regulations, ordinances, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby revoked, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.


ENACTED: June 1, 2015.


DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE
1st Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: 09 JUL 2015


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 1, 2015 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 8, 2015.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III