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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9784, S-2024

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 1197 FILED BY SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING SALARIES AND OTHER BENEFITS TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Councilors JOSE MARIA M. RODRIGUEZ, TATAY RANNIE Z. LUDOVICA, CHARM M. FERRER, VICTOR "Vic" BERNARDO, EMMANUEL BANJO A. PILAR and JHON ANGELLI "Sami" C. NERI

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WHEREAS, Section 25, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall ensure the autonomy of local governments. Corollary, it is the policy of the State to raise the economic and social status of barangay officials that will inspire its enjoyment of local autonomy to ensure the effective performance of its role as the primary planning and implementing unit of government programs, projects and activities, and as a forum in which the collective views of the people in the community may be crystallized and considered;

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2024, Senator Imee R. Marcos filed Senate Bill No. 1197 which seeks to provide barangay officials with salaries, benefits and other opportunities commensurate to regular accountable civil servants;

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WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, barangay officials are only entitled to honoraria based on their barangay's share of the Internal Revenue Allotment. Hence, Senate Bill No. 1197 aims to categorize barangay officials as regular government employees entitled to fixed salaries and benefits;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1197 provides that all barangay officials will be provided with the following benefits, among others:

- a.) Social Security all barangay officials shall be enrolled in the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) in order to avail of the retirement, disability, funeral and other benefits which other GSIS employees of the same rank are entitled to.
- b.) PhilHealth all barangay officials shall be enrolled in the National Health Insurance Program to be able to access personal health services.
- c.) Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) barangay officials shall also be entitled to Cost of Living Allowance which shall be at par with other regular employees in their respective local government units.
- d.) Hazard Allowance barangay officials with foreseeable but unavoidable danger or risks, or who render service under a state of calamity shall be compensated with hazard allowance to be determined by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in consultation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

WHEREAS, the Senate bill further provides that barangay officials will be provided with training and scholarship opportunities and be given priority in the government's microfinancing programs;

WHEREAS, barangay officials dedicate significant time and effort to serving their constituents without adequate compensation. Thus, the provision of salaries and benefits will enable barangay officials to perform their duties more effectively and professionally;

WHEREAS, recognizing the valuable contribution of barangay officials through fair compensation will improve morale and attract competent individuals to serve in these vital roles;

WHEREAS, Quezon City, through this Resolution, fully supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 1197 granting salaries and other benefits to barangay officials;

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council urges our representatives in the House of Representatives and Senate of the Philippines to actively support and advocate for the swift passage of such legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby support, Senate Bill No. 1197 filed by Senator Imee R. Marcos, entitled "An Act Granting Salaries and Other Benefits to Barangay Officials, and For Other Purposes."

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Senate of the Philippines, the House of Representatives, the Office of the City Mayor, the Barangay and Community Relations Department and the Quezon City Public Affairs and Information Services Department.

ADOPTED: August 27, 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 August 27, 2024 and was CONFIRMED on September 4, 2024.

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