**Republic of the Philippines**
**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**
Quezon City
**22nd City Council**

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*74th Regular Session*

*RESOLUTION NO. SP-9753, S-2024*

*A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL NO. 2689, HOUSE BILL NO. 10525, HOUSE BILL NO. 5082, AND HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1197*

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*Introduced by Councilor MARRA C. SUNTAY*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, 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, 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 and Jose Maria M. Rodriguez*

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*WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11590, which was signed into law by former President Rodrigo Duterte on September 22, 2021, legitimized Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations (POGOs) in the Philippines;*

*WHEREAS, the recent revelations about POGOs, such as the ongoing investigation in Bamban, Tarlac, have started conversations in the national stage on whether these gambling firms should continue to be legal in the Country;*

*WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2689 entitled "An Act Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act Numbered Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety, otherwise known as an Act Taxing Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations, and for Other Purposes" filed by Senator Sherwin Ting Gatchalian, House Bill No. 10525 or the proposed "Anti-Pogo Act of 2024" filed by ACT Teachers Party-list Representative, France Castro, House Bill No. 5082 filed by Manila 6th District Representative Bienvenido Abante Jr., and House Resolution No. 1197 filed by Cagayan de Oro City 2nd District Representative Rufus Rodriguez, all seek to repeal licenses and ban all POGOs given the proliferation of POGO-related crimes;*

*WHEREAS, although POGOs have increased revenue and jobs in the Philippines, investigations and events have shown that the Country has had to face the ill effects of POGOs, such as its continued illegal operations, human rights abuses, and economic burdens on the Country as a whole, such as missed investments and tourism revenue and costs on enforcement and immigration;*

*WHEREAS, Quezon City has already encountered numerous instances of POGO-related illegal activities, such as the POGO in Scout Lazcano Street, Barangay Laging Handa raided by the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) operatives in 2020 wherein 151 foreigners were arrested due to the establishment not being able to secure a proper permit. In the same year, whilst conducting a surprise inspection, Mayor Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte herself found out that there were 3 POGOs in Eastwood City, Libis that did not have the proper permits. Said POGOs also failed to show locational clearances, sanitary permits, environmental clearances and occupational permits of its employees.*

*NOW, THEREFORE,*

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby support, the immediate passage of Senate Bill No. 2689, House Bill No. 10525, House Bill No. 5082, and House Resolution No. 1197.*

*RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives.*

*ADOPTED: August 5, 2024.*

BERNARD R. HERRERA
City Councilor
Acting 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 5, 2024 and was CONFIRMED on August 12, 2024.*

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