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RESOLUTION NO. SP-10505, S-2026

A RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW, UPDATE, AND AMEND THE PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999 (REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8749) IN ORDER TO ADDRESS EMERGING AIR POLLUTION SOURCES, NEW TECHNOLOGIES, AND CURRENT CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES

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WHEREAS, clean air is fundamental to the health, safety, and well-being of all Filipinos, and protecting air quality is essential to sustainable development, environmental protection, and public health;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 (Republic Act No. 8749) was enacted to establish a comprehensive program for the prevention, management, and control of air pollution in the Country;

WHEREAS, since its enactment more than two (2) decades ago, the Philippines has experienced rapid urbanization, increased motor vehicle use, industrial expansion, and population growth which have significant impacts on air quality;

WHEREAS, the landscape of transportation has significantly evolved, including the emergence of electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, alternative fuels, and sustainable mobility systems which were not fully contemplated when the law was enacted;

WHEREAS, scientific understanding of air pollution has advanced considerably, particularly with respect to fine particulate matter (PM2.5), ultrafine particles, and other pollutants that pose serious risks to respiratory and cardiovascular health;

WHEREAS, new environmental concerns such as construction dust pollution, microplastic particles in the air, urban heat effects, and emissions from emerging technologies and industries now require modern regulatory approaches;

WHEREAS, advancements in technology now allow for real-time air quality monitoring systems, low-cost sensor networks, satellite monitoring, and smart environmental data systems that can significantly improve enforcement and public awareness;

WHEREAS, many cities around the world have adopted policies such as low-emission zones, green transportation programs, electrification of public transport, and stricter emission standards to improve air quality;

WHEREAS, air quality management is closely linked with climate change mitigation, sustainable urban development, and environmental resilience;

WHEREAS, Quezon City has long been a champion of environmental protection and sustainability, having enacted various local measures promoting responsible environmental stewardship and pollution reduction;

WHEREAS, after more than twenty-five (25) years since its enactment, it is timely and necessary for the national legislature to undertake a comprehensive review and modernization of the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives to review, update, and amend the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 (Republic Act No. 8749) in order to address emerging air pollution sources, new technologies, and current climate change and sustainability challenges.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Senate of the Philippines, the House of Representatives, and other concerned national government agencies for their information and appropriate action.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Quezon City Council expresses its readiness to support national efforts to modernize air quality policies and to continue implementing innovative local environmental initiatives that contribute to cleaner and healthier communities.

ADOPTED: June 1, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 1, 2026 and was CONFIRMED on June 8, 2026.

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ATTESTED:

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