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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2092 *, S-2011*

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING 2012 AS "TANDANG SORA YEAR", COMMENCING A YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION STARTING JANUARY 6, 2012 UP TO THE END OF THE SAID YEAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilors RODERICK M. PAULATE, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, JESSICA CASTELO DAZA and EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 and 16 of the 1987 Constitution provide respectively that, the State shall conserve, promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations; that all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition;

WHEREAS, Melchora Aquino de Ramos who was born on January 6, 1812 and died on March 2, 1919, was a "Filipino revolutionary who became known as "Tandang Sora" in the history of the Philippines because of her advanced age when the Philippine Revolution broke out in 189

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WHEREAS, Tandang Sora gained the title "Grand Woman of the Revolution" and the "Mother of Balintawak" for her heroic contributions to the struggle for the Philippine Independence;

WHEREAS, during the Revolutionary Era, Tandang Sora supported the revolutionaries by providing them nourishment, medical attention and encouraged them with motherly advice and prayers. She was captured and interrogated by the Spaniards but remained loyal and steadfast to the cause of independence and was eventually deported;

WHEREAS, in 1898, Melchora Aquino returned to the Philippines and died on March 2, 1919 at the age of 107;

WHEREAS, Tandang Sora serves as a symbol of women empowerment and an inspiration to all women;

WHEREAS, considering the above-given circumstances, it is incumbent upon the Quezon City Government to commemorate the 200th Birth Anniversary of the late Melchora Aquino de Ramos, a hero and icon of the Philippine Revolution;

WHEREAS, it is important to educate the people of Quezon City, especially the youth about the achievements of Tandang Sora as she is the only revolutionary hero who lived and worked in what is now Quezon City;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the City Government to ensure and support among other things the cultivation of patriotism and nationalism in every resident of Quezon City and the promotion and preservation of Filipino culture in order to inspire the people to participate in development and nation building.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. The year 2012 is hereby declared as "Tandang Sora Year" to commence a year-long celebration in honor of Melchora Aquino's 200th birthday beginning on January 6 of the aforesaid year. This is to instill among the people of Quezon City the value of heroism, nationalism and partriotism.

SECTION 2. The Quezon City Government shall encourage the Division of City Schools and Barangays in its territorial jurisdiction to plan, participate and perform activities relating to the commencement of the Tandang Sora Year.

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SECTION 3. Appropriations – There is hereby appropriated the sum of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the year-long celebration. Such amount shall be taken from any available funds of the City Treasury.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE - 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 5. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: September 12, 2011.

JULIAN ML. COSETENG
2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, dpa
City Secretary

APPROVED:

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 12, 2011 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 19, 2011.

DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, dpa
City Secretary

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