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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 10183 *, S-2025*

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST RECOGNITION OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT LED BY THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, THE CITY VICE MAYOR, HONORABLE GIAN G. SOTTO, AND THE 23RD QUEZON CITY COUNCIL TO THE PHILIPPINE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP, REPRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SECRETARY, AMENAH F. PANGANDAMAN, AND EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE QUEZON CITY OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP) LOCAL ACTION PLAN 2025–2028

Introduced by Councilors ALY MEDALLA and SHAIRA "Shay" L. LIBAN

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Bernard R. Herrera, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Charm Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD, Mikey F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Atty. Voltaire Godofredo "Bong" Liban III, Dave C. Valmocina, Geleen "Dok G" Lumbad, Atty. Christoffer Allan "Tope" Liquigan, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Don S. De Leon, Luigi D. Pumaren, Atty. Vicente Belmonte Jr., Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Nanette Castelo Daza, Imee Rillo, Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Joseph Joe Visaya, Aiko Melendez, Karl Edgar Castelo, Ram V. Medalla, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Kristine Alexia Matias, RN, Victor "Vic" D. Bernardo, Vito Sotto Generoso, Erwin Rey "Cocoy" A. Medina, Jose Maria "Mari" M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

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WHEREAS, Section 16, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "the right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making shall not be abridged. The State shall, by law, facilitate the establishment of adequate consultation mechanisms";

WHEREAS, the Open Government Partnership (OGP), a global initiative co-founded by the Philippines in September 2011, together with the United States of America, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, South Africa, and the United Kingdom, brings together government leaders and civil society advocates across the world to promote transparency, accountability, public participation, and the use of innovation to improve governance;

WHEREAS, the OGP is institutionalized in the Philippines through Executive Order No. 31, Series of 2023 issued by the Office of the President designating the Department of Budget and Management, headed by Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, as the Chairperson of the PH-OGP Steering Committee, mandated to integrate open and inclusive governance principles into national and local development processes, among others;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, under the leadership of Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, demonstrated strong global presence by holding a leadership position in the OGP as a member of the Global Steering Committee overseeing the partnership composed of 75 countries, 150 local governments, and thousands of civil society organizations while also serving as the Chair of the Programmatic Delivery Subcommittee, and member of the Action Framework Taskforce;

WHEREAS, PH-OGP Chairperson and DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman continues to lead key open government initiatives and spearhead reforms that promote anti-corruption, fiscal openness, digital transformation, and greater access to information, most notably through her steadfast call for the passage of the Right to Information (RTI) Bill, which seeks to give full effect to Section 7, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, guaranteeing the right of the people to information on matters of public concern and to institutionalize transparency and accountability as enduring cornerstones of public service and democratic governance;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, led by the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, entered the OGP through the OGP Local Program, a significant milestone in aligning local governance with national and global open government standards, showcasing the City's leadership in inclusive, transparent, and accountable public service delivery which was further reinforced by the issuance of Executive Order No. 32, Series of 2024 creating the Local OGP Steering Committee and Technical Working Group composed of government and civil society representatives, with an Independent Monitoring Body providing impartial evaluation of implementation progress;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government has established effective and comprehensive institutional mechanisms to uphold transparency, accountability, and meaningful citizen participation at the local level, including implementing the Quezon City Freedom of Information (FOI) Ordinance, granting the public access to official government records and transactions; institutionalizing the Quezon City People's Council, enabling accredited civil society organizations to take part in legislative processes and local development planning; and operating dedicated local accountability mechanisms such as the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB), Barangay and City Public Assistance and Complaints Desks, and the QC E-Services and Citizen Helpline (122), providing accessible and responsive platforms for residents to report grievances, request services, and engaging with local authorities;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government crafted its first OGP Local Action Plan 2025-2028 that represents the City's vision of "Quezon City - a model of inclusivity and innovation with an empowered citizenry where both government and civil society collaborate and champion good governance through transparency, accountability, and participation" through five (5) strategic and citizen-driven commitments on enabling citizens to contribute to budget decision-making processes, expanding access to justice through volunteer legal aid services, enhancing transparency and responsiveness in service delivery, fostering stronger public participation and governance literacy, and promoting civic volunteerism and engagement across sectors;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City OGP Local Action Plan 2025-2028, developed through a rigorous and inclusive co-creation process involving various sectors of civil society, City departments, and grassroots stakeholders, is a landmark development towards efficiency, responsiveness, and equity in the provision of public services through a transformative governance pledge that advances democratic participation, strengthens trust in public institutions, and exemplifies a whole-of-society approach to local development.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to extend, as it does hereby extend, the sincerest recognition of the Quezon City Government led by the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, the City Vice Mayor, Honorable Gian G. Sotto, and the 23rd Quezon City Council to the Philippine Open Government Partnership, represented by the National Steering Committee Chairperson and Department of Budget and Management Secretary, Amenah F. Pangandaman, and expressing strong support for the Quezon City Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local Action Plan 2025–2028.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Resolution express the strong support of the Quezon City Government on the full implementation of the Quezon City OGP Local Action Plan 2025–2028, and affirm its commitment to sustain citizen-centered, inclusive and transparent governance.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Department of Budget and Management, the Philippine Open Government Partnership National Steering Committee, and the Quezon City OGP Steering Committee and Civil Society Partners, for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: August 4, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 4, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on August 11, 2025.

GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)