

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 21st City Council

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60th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP. 8481, S-2021

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9803, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FOOD DONATION ACT OF 2009.

Introduced by Councilors EDEN DELILAH "Candy" A. MEDINA and DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO-ANTONIO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, food wastage is a serious problem that needs alleviation, as it not only affects the consumers and producers by raising the price of food and decreasing the amount that can be sold, constituting a threat to food security and a waste of resources, but also an ever-greater stress on ecosystems and a danger to the environment in the form of greenhouse gas-producing emissions;

WHEREAS, globally, 1.3 billion tons of food is lost and wasted annually, enough to feed 3 billion people, while in Metro Manila alone, an estimated 2,175 tons of food scraps end up in trash bins on a daily basis;

WHEREAS, according to government data, 2.4 million families in the Philippines experienced moderate to extreme hunger in 2018, 13.7 million Filipino children are undernourished, and that a fifth of Filipino children until the age of five are underweight;

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WHEREAS, in consonance with the State policy to alleviate national poverty and reduce food wastage, Republic Act No. 9803, otherwise known as the Food Donation Act of 2009, was enacted into law on November 25, 2009 to encourage the donation of apparently wholesome food for charitable purposes;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9803 was adopted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development in 2010, and was further the subject of Memorandum Circular No. 2010-108 by the Department of the Interior and Local Government, to ensure the active support and cooperation of the local government units to successfully carry out its objectives;

WHEREAS, Section 1 (h) of the IRR of Republic Act No. 9803 provides for the responsibilities of local government units, such as the establishment of composite team for food donations at the level of the local government;

WHEREAS, in order to help alleviate the continuing problem of hunger and curtail food wastage, it is necessary to strictly implement Republic Act No. 9803 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations at the local government level, and specifically in Quezon City, which compromises the largest population in Metro Manila.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly urge, as it does hereby strongly urge the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, to strictly implement the provisions of Republic Act No. 9803, otherwise known as the Food Donation Act of 2009.

ADOPTED: March 22, 2021.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S ALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 22, 2021 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

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