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RESOLUTION NO. SP. **7239**, S-2017

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SAN PEDRO BAUTISTA AS ONE OF THE PATRON SAINTS OF QUEZON CITY AND THEREFORE ESTABLISHING SANTUARIO DE SAN PEDRO BAUTISTA PARISH CHURCH AND ITS FESTIVITIES AS PART OF ITS CULTURE AND HERITAGE.

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Co-Introduced by Councilors Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Lena Marie P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Oliviere T. Belmonte, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.*

WHEREAS, the local government of Quezon City desires to promote culture and the arts to its citizenry by continuously recognizing people, places and destinations which have contributed significantly in its rich history;

WHEREAS, the Parish of Santuario De San Pedro Bautista is located in the First Legislative District of Quezon City, particularly in the old San Francisco del Monte (SFDM) District, and comprises the Barangays of Damayan, Del Monte, Mariblo, Paraiso, Sta.Cruz and Talayan;

WHEREAS, the Shrine belongs to the Diocese of Cubao under the administration of the Franciscans or the Order of Friars Minor (OFM) of the Franciscan Province of San Pedro Bautista;

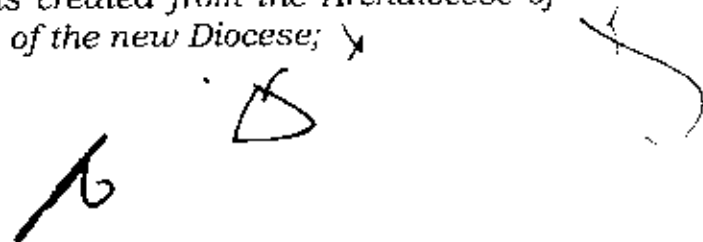
WHEREAS, the Santuario De San Pedro Bautista Parish Church, also known as the San Francisco del Monte Church, is one of the oldest churches in the country having been founded in 1590. The Church is dedicated to its founder Fr. Pedro Bautista, a Spanish missionary from Avila, Spain, one of the 26 Christians martyred in Japan in 1597;

WHEREAS, Father Pedro Bautista initially built a little convent and chapel for missionaries made of bamboo and nipa palm, and dedicated the chapel to Our Lady of Montecelli and the place was opened as a house of retreat for missionaries and as a place of reclusion of government officials in 1590. The area comprising of 250 hectares was donated to the Franciscans by Governor General Santiago De Vera on February 17, 1590, henceforth, was more referred to as San Francisco Del Monte;

WHEREAS, the chapel was replaced and upgraded throughout the next hundred years, having undergone devastation during the Limahong-led uprising in 1639 when the Chinese rebels used the church as headquarters and being completely destroyed during the 1645 earthquake, until reconstruction efforts of a stone-made church were done under the supervision of Fr. Francisco de Mondejar through the generosity of Don Tomas de Endaya was completed in 1699, and dedicated to the then newly Blessed Pedro Bautista and his companion of martyrs who were beatified by Pope Urban VIII on September 14, 1627 and later on canonized on June 8, 1862;

WHEREAS, during the Philippine American War in 1898, the American Soldiers occupied the church and left it idle until 1912. And in 1914, the Church was blessed and a town fiesta was held to honor San Pedro Bautista. The church was declared its own separate parish on November 11, 1932 and named in honor of its founder and patron saint, San Pedro Bautista. Before the decree, the parish belonged to the Parish of Caloocan;

WHEREAS, the parish church was declared an Archdiocesan Shrine to be known as Santuario de San Pedro Bautista in view of its historical and religious significance to the Archdiocese of Manila and in 2003, The Diocese of Cubao was created from the Archdiocese of Manila and the church became part of the new Diocese;

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WHEREAS, this year marks the 420th Anniversary of the martyrdom of San Pedro Bautista and thus the Local Government of Quezon City would like to officially honor the founder Saint by adopting San Pedro Bautista as one of its Patron Saints;

WHEREAS, the feast day of San Pedro Bautista is to be held during the nearest Sunday to February 5. The inclusion of the feast of San Pedro Bautista in the Quezon City Cultural Calendar will establish Santuario De San Pedro Bautista Parish Church as a significant locality and therefore promoting its significance not only to the city and its citizenry but also to the whole country.

NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to adopt, as it does hereby adopt San Pedro Bautista as one of the Patron Saints of Quezon City and therefore establishing Santuario de San Pedro Bautista Parish Church and its Festivities as part of its culture and heritage.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the regular Fiesta activities include the three day visit of the pilgrim image of San Pedro Bautista at Quezon City Hall coinciding with a triduum which will be held three days prior to the novena in his honor, and that the citywide choral competition be included among the activities and recognition of San Pedro Bautista being the Patron of musicians and first music teacher of the Filipinos.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the feast of San Pedro Bautista or the Pedrista Festival as it is famously known, be included in the Quezon City Cultural Calendar to promote its historical significance spanning more than 400 years in our locality.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the city government use all forms of media in its desire to promote culture and the arts through the Feast of San Pedro Bautista. X

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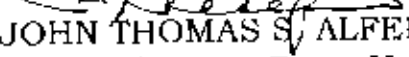
RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, that the statue of San Pedro Bautista be erected in the intersection between Del Monte and Roosevelt Avenue, hence, dedicating the rotunda in his honor thereby ensuring a continuous and active propagation of the heritage he left behind.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Diocese of Cubao, through Most Rev. Honesto F. Ongtioco, DD, to the Minister Provincial of the Franciscan Province of San Pedro Bautista in the Philippines through Rev. Fr. Cielito R. Almazan, OFM, and to the current Parish Priest of Santuario de San Pedro Bautista Parish, Rev. Fr. Edwin Peter R. Dionisio, OFM.

ADOPTED: September 4, 2017.

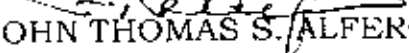

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 4, 2017 and was CONFIRMED on September 18, 2017.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

