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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19
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DECLARING NOVEMBER 22 AS "ARAW NG PAGTULA"

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", mandates every LGU to preserve and enrich Filipino Culture;

WHEREAS, the life and works of Filipino poet, Jose Corazon De Jesus, also known as *Huseng Batute*, continue to inspire love for the Philippines and Filipino culture and heritage;

WHEREAS, there is a need to highlight the significance of poetry in nation-building; the development of the Filipino soul; and awareness of Philippine cultural heritage.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, by powers vested in me by law as Mayor of Quezon City, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Declaration of November 22 as Poetry Day in Quezon City. November 22 of every year is hereby declared as "*Araw ng Pagtula*" in Quezon City. This day will be celebrated annually in all elementary and secondary schools in the country. In the event that the special day falls on a weekend, the special day shall be observed on the Friday following the special day.

Towards this end, writing, reading and performance of poetry shall be integrated in all Quezon City Government events, including but not limited to, flag ceremonies, city-sponsored events, etc.

SECTION 2. Poetry Day Steering Committee. A Poetry Day Steering Committee is hereby created shall be composed of the Heads of the following departments or offices, and their representatives:

- a) Office of the City Mayor, Chairperson
- b) Office of the City Administrator, Co-Chairperson
- c) City Tourism Department, Co-Chairperson
- d) Office of the Education Affairs, Co-Chairperson
- e) Quezon City Division of City Schools, Member
- f) Parks Development and Administration Department, Member
- g) Public Affairs and Information Services Department, Member
- h) Quezon Memorial Circle Administration, Member
- i) Three (3) private sector representatives, who will be identified from national organizations of poets, writers, publishers, etc.

The Chairperson may add or decrease the members of the committee as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 3. *Tasks of the Poetry Day Steering Committee.* The Steering Committee shall be responsible for the completion of the following tasks:


1. To develop, implement and promote programs and activities that integrate poetry in all activities and events of Quezon City.
2. To develop and host the annual Poetry Day for Quezon City.
3. To undertake a comprehensive and extensive information dissemination campaign for the public and all concerned entities.
4. To submit a proposed Ordinance to the City Council for the institutionalization, funding and other needed support to implement the "Araw ng Pagtula" in Quezon City.
5. To undertake all the necessary and incidental tasks to pursue the objectives of this Executive Order.

SECTION 4. *Funding.* The funding for the activities to be undertaken in relation the "Araw ng Pagtula" for the first year shall be integrated into the programs of the respective Departments. The funding for succeeding years shall be integrated into the respective budgets of the Departments.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* All orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this order, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 19 May 2023, Quezon City


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor