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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3271**, S-2024

*AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE QUEZON CITY KABABAIHAN FESTIVAL EVERY MONTH OF MARCH IN VIEW OF THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH*

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*Introduced by Councilors DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., MARIA ELEANOR "Doc Ellie" R. JUAN, O.D., DAVE C. VALMOCINA and BERNARD R. HERRERA*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Aly Medalla, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri*

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*WHEREAS, Quezon City was established through Commonwealth Act No. 502, otherwise known as the Charter of Quezon City, signed by Former President Manuel L. Quezon on October 12, 1939, and was the Capital of the Philippines;*

*WHEREAS, on August 14, 2009, Republic Act No. 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women was signed into law recognizing the rights of women and affirming its role in nation-building;*

*WHEREAS, the Magna Carta of Women recognizes a woman's right to protection from all forms of violence. Agencies of government shall give priority to the defense and protection of women against gender-based offenses and help women attain justice and healing. It also ensures mandatory training on human rights and gender sensitivity to all government personnel involved in the protection and defense of women against gender-based violence;*

*WHEREAS, Quezon City enacted Ordinance No. SP-2501, S-2016 establishing the Quezon City Gender and Development Code which localizes Republic Act No. 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women and prescribes the creation and strengthening of the Quezon City GAD Focal Point System (GFPS);*

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WHEREAS, Quezon City envisions itself as a leader and model of rights-based and gender-responsive local governance towards a City that remains progressive and inclusive, and is committed to create a society that is free from gender oppression, violence, and discrimination for all;

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Quezon City Government to vigorously implement GAD-related programs and projects, and institutionalize mechanisms toward the advancement of women and other marginalized sectors in Quezon City and to adopt and implement measures to protect and promote equal rights for women and men;

WHEREAS, from its establishment, Quezon City is in the forefront of serving the public with diversity, equality, and inclusion through its Gender and Development Council and Office;

WHEREAS, Section 19 of Ordinance No. SP-2501, S-2016 mandates that every March 8 shall be celebrated as International Women's Day and is declared a special day for all women in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, no legislation declaring the celebration of Kababaihan Festival in LGUs has been enacted to date;

WHEREAS, currently, Quezon City has not declared the Kababaihan Festival as a City-wide festival;

WHEREAS, through this Ordinance, Quezon City shall celebrate annually, every March, the Quezon City Kababaihan Festival as its City-wide festival;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a City-wide Festival shall mark the significance of the gender programs and projects of the City, as well as promote sustainable tourism by the preservation and conservation of the City's rich culture, as it shall be regularly presented during the said festival.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Quezon City Kababaihan Festival Ordinance of 2023”.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared that the “Kababaihan Festival” is the Official Tourism, Cultural and Arts Festival of Quezon City.

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*SECTION 3. RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE FESTIVAL. – With Quezon City in the forefront of women’s rights and gender equality, the City has regularly and traditionally undertaken various activities during the month of March in celebration of the Women’s Month and the International Women’s Day every 8<sup>th</sup> of March. The various activities reflect the creativeness, the rich culture, arts and traditions, as well as the resourcefulness of the QCitizens in celebrating Women’s Month.*

*The objective of the Festival is to celebrate women, the various gender and development efforts of the City, as well as to promote sustainable tourism, innovations, culture and arts of Quezon City, both locally and globally.*

*SECTION 4. DATE OF CELEBRATION. – It shall be celebrated annually in Quezon City every March.*

*SECTION 5. PARTICIPATION OF ALL LEVELS OF THE LGU. – All Quezon City Offices and Departments are hereby mandated to participate and to propose and allocate funds in the annual celebration of the Kababaihan Festival.*

*The Barangays and Sangguniang Kabataan are hereby mandated to participate and to propose and allocate funds, as much as they would deem necessary, for the celebration of the Kababaihan Festival.*

*The National Government Agencies, the private establishments, and other non-government offices and agencies are hereby encouraged to participate in the annual celebration of the Kababaihan Festival.*

*SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – All provisions of this Ordinance, which are executory in nature, shall be immediately implemented. The Quezon City Gender and Development Council shall promulgate additional and clarificatory Rules and Regulations for the proper implementation of this Ordinance.*

*SECTION 7. LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST QUEZON CITY KABABAIHAN FESTIVAL IN 2024. – The Gender and Development Office, in cooperation with the Quezon City Tourism Department, the Barangay and Community Relations Department and the Public Affairs and Information Services Department are hereby tasked, within 60 days upon approval of this Ordinance, to create a program and budget proposal for the official launch of the Quezon City Kababaihan Festival 2024 and every year thereafter.*

*SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, or rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.*

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*SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.*

*SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.*

*ENACTED: March 11, 2024.*

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

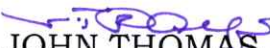
  
ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III  
City Government Department Head III  
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: APR 24 2024

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 11, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on March 18, 2024.*

  
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