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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
22nd City Council

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5th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9022, S-2022

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 0013 FILED BY REPRESENTATIVES FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ, YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ AND JUDE A. ACIDRE, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DISASTER RESILIENCE ACT.

Introduced by Councilor CHARM M. FERRER.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, the Philippines, being located at the so-called "Pacific Ring of Fire," a region in the Pacific Ocean where a number of earth's volcanic eruptions and earthquakes occur, making the country prone to natural calamities and oftenly hit by an average of 20 typhoons every year and is home to 23 active volcanoes, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS);

WHEREAS, in 2013, typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), which was the world's strongest typhoon ever recorded to make landfall, landed in the Visayas region and on its wake, more than 6,000 people perished left the country with \$2 billion in damages due to productivity loss, destruction of infrastructure, and destroyed crops, and Tropical Storm "Ketsana", locally known as "Ondoy", swept across Metro Manila and other parts of Central Luzon. This heavy rainfall affected 872,097 people throughout the entire metropolitan area, causing 241 fatalities, 394 injuries, and damaging 65,521 buildings (of which 12,563 were completely destroyed). The infrastructure damages (not including agricultural losses) amounted to 570,187,587 Philippine pesos;

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WHEREAS, in 2018, Mount Mayon erupted forcing the evacuation of more than 56,000 Bicolanos and leaving damaged agriculture in the surrounding areas and according to the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), 565 natural disaster events have struck the country since 1990 claiming the lives of nearly 70,000 people and causing an estimated \$23 billion in damages;

WHEREAS, despite the government efforts and preparations, thousands of people perished. Damage to business, property, and agriculture were of such magnitude that economic activities were placed on standstill;

WHEREAS, in response to this prevalent problem, Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre proposed House Bill No. 0013, entitled "An Act Creating The Department Of Disaster Resilience, Defining Its Mandate, Powers And Functions, And Appropriating Funds Therefor", otherwise known as the Disaster Resilience Act;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 0013, seeks to have an empowered department that will focus on natural hazards and disasters, and characterized by unit of command, a science and ICT-based approach, and the capacity to take charge of three (3) key result areas: (a) disaster risk reduction (b) disaster preparedness and response and (c) recovery, rehabilitation and building forward better;

WHEREAS, the said house bill mandates that the overall powers and functions to lead the country's disaster resilience efforts, both at the policy and execution stages will be placed under the Department. The Department shall be authorized to call upon relevant government agencies and facilitate the assistance of non-government and private organizations especially in emergency cases. The bill also defines the levels of responsibility for disaster preparedness and response between the national and local government;

WHEREAS, the 22nd City Council and the Quezon City Disaster and Risk Management Office (QCDRRMO) are in support of House Bill No. 0013, entitled "An Act Creating The Department Of Disaster Resilience, Defining Its Mandate, Powers And Functions, And Appropriating Funds Therefor", otherwise known as the Disaster Resilience Act, Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly support, as it does hereby strongly support, House Bill No. 0013 filed by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre, entitled "An Act Creating The Department Of Disaster Resilience, Defining Its Mandate, Powers And Functions, And Appropriating Funds Therefor", otherwise known as the Disaster Resilience Act.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, to direct the Office of the City Secretary upon the approval and effectivity of this Resolution, to furnish the Office of the House Secretariat and Office of the Speaker of the House Representative and other concerned offices with a copy of this Resolution for their information and proper guidance.

ADOPTED: August 30, 2022.


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 August 30, 2022 and was CONFIRMED on September 5, 2022.


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