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Quezon City 18th City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 5617 S-2012

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE NECESSARY FARM INPUTS OF THE JOY OF URBAN FARMING PROJECT OF QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors GIAN CARLO G. SOTTO, FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO, RICARDO T. BELMONTE, JR., JOSEPH P. JUICO, ALEXIS R. HERRERA, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, ALFREDO D. VARGAS III, EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA, JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA, RODERICK M. PAULATE, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, JULIAN ML. COSETENG, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, JAIME F. BORRES, JOSE MARIO DON S. DE LEON, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, JESSICA CASTELO DAZA, RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN, VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, MARVIN C. RILLO, IVY LIMLAGMAN, RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA and JOHN ANSELL R. DE GUZMAN.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Republic Act No. 10068, otherwise known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2012, provides that "There is hereby established a comprehensive organic agricultural program through the promotion and commercialization of organic farming practices, cultivation and adoption of production and processing methods which have already been developed, or to be developed, continuing research and upgrading thereof, the capacity building of farmers and the education of consumers thereon, the extension of assistance to local government units (LGUs), people organizations (POs), non-government organizations (NGOs) and other stakeholders including individuals and groups who are willing to do other pertinent activities, and documentation and evaluation of the program";

WHEREAS, the Joy of Urban Farming of the Office of the Vice Mayor was launched in September 27, 2010, and has since become a very popular project wholly consistent with the City's thrust towards a Green and Hunger-Free Quezon City.

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WHEREAS, the Joy of Urban Farming adopts simple and practical technologies for backyard gardening in urban communities most especially in schools and barangays;

WHEREAS, this project strictly employs Organic Farming methods that will enhance and preserve the environment and provide sustainable alternative source of income to target beneficiaries in the City while helping them to attain food security and sufficiency;

WHEREAS, to date, this project is supported by National Agencies such as the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Science and Technology; Quezon City Government Departments such as the Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department, Office of Senior Citizens Affairs, Health Department, Social Services and Development Department, and Division of City Schools; Non-Government Organization such as the Earthworm Sanctuary, Alaga Lahat Inc. and Gawad Kalinga Quezon City Chapter; Parishes and Barangays;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture recognizes the importance of the Joy of Urban Farming and has expressed its continued support for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to request, as it does hereby request the Department of Agriculture to enter into a joint program and allocate funds for the necessary farm inputs of the Joy of Urban Farming project of Quezon City.

ADOPTED: October 1, 2012.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE Vice Mayor

Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS STALFEROS 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 October 1, 2012 and was CONFIRMED on October 15, 2012.

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