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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 7017, S-2017

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING A BILL FILED IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS ENTITLED "AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS IN MOBILE PHONES" FILED BY SENATOR RICHARD J. GORDON AND CONGRESSMAN WINSTON T. CASTELO AND PETITION THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor **ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO**.

Co-Introduced by Councilors *Franz S. Pumaren, Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Marra C. Suntay, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.*

WHEREAS, Senator Richard "Dick" J. Gordon is the principal author of Senate Bill No. 105 entitled "An Act Requiring the Registration of Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Cards in Mobile Phone" and Congressman Winston T. Castelo is the principal author of House Bill No. 2809 entitled "An Act Requiring the Recording of the Identity of all Buyers of Prepaid Subscriber's Identity Module (SIM) Cards for Cellular Telephone Units and for other purposes.";

WHEREAS, both versions of the Bill state that it is the policy of the State to regulate the ownership and use of SIM cards for legitimate purposes only to maintain peace and order, promote the general welfare and protect the public; γ

WHEREAS, the said Bill, further provides that "Every mobile phone company shall be required to register its subscribers, both prepaid and postpaid, and maintain a directory thereof, indicating therein the SIM Card serial number, mobile phone number, name, and address of the subscriber;

WHEREAS, criminals who commit kidnapping, estafa and other crimes are easily able to consume their unlawful activities with the use of prepaid Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Cards in mobile phones that presently provide law enforcers with no recourse as to their identities for investigation. Lawless elements must not be granted the privilege of using mobile phones with relative anonymity to achieve their crimes;

WHEREAS, to deter crime and enhance peace and order in the Philippines, there is a need to require the registration of all SIM Cards in mobile phones, both prepaid and postpaid;

WHEREAS, with the approval of the said Senate Bill No. 105, this will promote responsibility and accountability in the use of SIM Cards in mobile phones as well as provide better law enforcement capability in protecting the public, as well as prevent the abuse of its use in crimes, sms spam messaging and fake representation of individuals;

WHEREAS, Asian countries like Indonesia has developed an online system of registration of all retail outlet identities in 2012; Mexico introduced the mandatory sim registration in 2009 with the objectives of addressing criminal activity and other countries such as South Africa, Ecuador (2009), Bangladesh, United Kingdom and Pakistan based on www.gsma.com.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby strongly support a Bill filed in both Houses of Congress entitled, "An Act Requiring The Registration Of Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Cards In Mobile Phones" filed by Senator Richard J. Gordon and Congressman Winston T. Castelo and petition the immediate passage thereof. ✓




RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Local Government of Quezon City seeks to protect and uphold the rights and safety of its constituents by supporting and implementing National Laws and develop Local Ordinances to strengthen its governance upon its citizenry with regard to Section 16 General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the National Telecommunication Center, the Office of Senator Richard J. Gordon and the Office of Congressman Winston T. Castelo and other government organizations concerned.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2017.

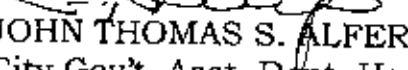

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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 February 13, 2017 and was CONFIRMED on February 27, 2017.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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