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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
Quezon City  
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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **9360**, S-2023

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF QUEZON CITY TO INCLUDE THE TOPIC ON "JEWISH RESCUE THROUGH THE OPEN-DOOR POLICY DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON" INTO THE EXISTING HISTORY CURRICULUM OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN QUEZON CITY

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*Introduced by Councilor ALY MEDALLA*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" 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, Alfred Vargas, MPA, 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 Julian Marcus D. Trono*

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10086, otherwise known as Strengthening Peoples' Nationalism Through Philippine History Act, declares that the State shall provide the means to strengthen people's nationalism, love of country, respect for its heroes and pride for the people's accomplishments by reinforcing the importance of Philippine national and local history in daily life with the end in view of raising social consciousness; reinvigorating government support for historical research; and sustaining and enhancing programs for the protection, preservation and conservation of historical relics and memorabilia, monuments, sites and other historical resources;

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10086 likewise declares that the State shall give utmost priority not only to the research on history but also to the popularization of history. In this way, the State will be able to build a Philippine national identity based on unity and pride in diversity held together by a common history;

WHEREAS, during World War II, the Philippines opened its doors to Jewish refugees under the administration of then President Manuel L. Quezon. President Manuel L. Quezon authorized the entry of Jewish refugees into the country through the Open-Door Policy which paved the way for the Commonwealth Act No. 613 and later on the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940. The country welcomed 1,300 Jewish refugees who sought asylum and protection under the Philippine government during the Holocaust;

WHEREAS, Jews during the World War II were subjected to discrimination and dehumanization due to the various anti-Semitic actions against them by the Nazis. Many were thrown into concentration camps and were stripped of their human rights;

WHEREAS, on 27 January 2020, during the observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, film viewings were held to commemorate the Jewish refugees who sought asylum from the Philippines in United Nations (UN) in New York and Balai Quezon in Tel-Aviv, organized by the Philippine Mission to the UN and Philippine Embassy, respectively;

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Act No. 502, otherwise known as the Quezon City Charter, was signed by President Manuel L. Quezon on October 12, 1939. Said Charter defined the boundaries of the City and gave it an area of 7,000 hectares carved out of the towns of Caloocan, San Juan, Marikina, Pasig, Mandaluyong, and Rizal Province;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the students of Quezon City be informed and knowledgeable of the legacy of President Manuel L. Quezon, as well as his significant accomplishments, especially in the field of human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Department of Education-Schools Division Office of Quezon City to include the topic on "Jewish Rescue through the Open-Door Policy during the administration of President Manuel L. Quezon" into the existing history curriculum of public schools in Quezon City.

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*RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Schools Division Office of Quezon City.*

*ADOPTED: June 26, 2023.*


  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 26, 2023 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.*

  
ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III  
City Government Department Head III  
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