REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD

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Excerpt from the journal of the 17th Regular Session of the 11th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

Presiding Officer

Floor Leader

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran

Councilor Al Victor A. Espino

Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson

Councilor Israel P. Salanga

Councilor Cindy T. Rojas

Councilor Em L. Ana

Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez

Councilor Renecito S. Novero

Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa

Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella

Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito

Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor

Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy

Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen

Councilor Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor

RESOLUTION NO. 977 Series of 2022

RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ, TO IMPLEMENT CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-14-694, AS AMENDED, OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DIWALI FESTIVAL ORDINANCE OF BACOLOD CITY" AND CONVENE THE COMMITTEE SET FORTH THEREOF.

Upon joint motion of Councilors Jason Isidro S. Villarosa and Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, seconded by Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as per C.O. No. 08-14-694, as amended, or otherwise known as the DIWALI Festival Ordinance of Bacolod City, the festival is scheduled to be celebrated every 2nd weekend of November and as per current calendar year, the 2nd weekend of November is on the 11th - 13th of said month;

WHEREAS, DIWALI is one of the happiest of holidays in India and it is coupled with significant preparations. It is marked with historical events, stories, and myths ultimately leading to the central subject of the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, hope over despair;



WHEREAS, the holding of such event has been withheld due to the COVID-19 pandemic, thus, the call to celebrate DIWALI this year;

WHEREAS, the event aims to foster better friendship, cultural, and as well as economic ties between the Filipino and Indian communities in the City of Bacolod thereby mutually supporting the tourism industry of the city:

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the City Ordinance is heretofore refurnished:

"The preparation and conduct of the Festival celebration shall be jointly supervised by the Bacolod City government, under the Office of the City Mayor and the Filipino-Indian Community thru the Association of Filipino-Indians of Negros Occidental (AFINO), the Punjabi Khalsa Diwan and/or such other accredited Filipino-Indian community of Bacolod City, and assisted by a dulyorganized Committee composed of both the public and the private sector. by virtue of an Executive Order to be issued by the City Mayor"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to respectfully urge the City Mayor, Honorable Alfredo Abelardo B. Benitez, to implement City Ordinance No. 08-14-694, as amended, or otherwise known as the "Diwali Festival Ordinance of Bacolod City" and convene the committee set forth thereof.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Councilors:

Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles

Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative: None.

Passed. Comments:

Councilor Israel P. Salanga was not around when this resolution was

Presiding Officer

passed.

ATTESTED:

PETIERRE III TTY. VICENTE C.

Secretary to the Sanggunian

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