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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **10579**, S-2026

A RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 12 AS "WEST PHILIPPINE SEA VICTORY DAY," AND AFFIRMING QUEZON CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND MARITIME JURISDICTION IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA

Introduced by Councilors ALBERT ALVIN "Chuckie" L. ANTONIO III, ALY MEDALLA, MARIA ELEANOR "Doc Ellie" R. JUAN, O.D., GELEEN "Dok G" LUMBAD, RAM V. MEDALLA, JOSEPH JOE VISAYA and DAVE C. VALMOCINA

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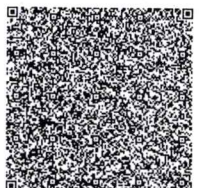
WHEREAS, the West Philippine Sea forms part of the Philippines' maritime domain under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), within which the State exercises sovereign rights over its exclusive economic zone and continental shelf;

WHEREAS, the waters of the West Philippine Sea are not only of strategic national importance but also a vital ecological system that supports marine biodiversity, fisheries productivity, and the livelihood of coastal communities across the Country;

WHEREAS, Filipino fisherfolk have historically depended on these waters for sustenance and income, making the protection of access to traditional fishing grounds a matter of social justice and economic survival;

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WHEREAS, on 12 July 2016, the Arbitral Tribunal constituted under Annex VII of UNCLOS issued a ruling in the case brought by the Republic of the Philippines, with the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) serving as the registry for the proceedings, affirming key aspects of the Country's maritime entitlements under international law, and rejecting claims inconsistent with UNCLOS provisions;

WHEREAS, the said ruling reinforced the Philippines' sovereign rights in its exclusive economic zone, including access to fisheries and resources, and underscored the obligation of states to respect marine environmental protection standards;

WHEREAS, the landmark decision stands as a significant legal affirmation of rules-based international order, highlighting the value of peaceful dispute resolution through legal mechanisms rather than coercion or unilateral action;

WHEREAS, continued awareness of this arbitral victory is essential in strengthening national unity, promoting informed citizenship, and fostering respect for international law among Filipinos, particularly the youth;

WHEREAS, local government units have a vital role in supporting national advocacy efforts by promoting civic education, environmental stewardship, and awareness of the Country's maritime rights.

NOW, THEREFORE,

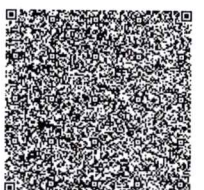
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to declare, as it does hereby declare, July 12 as "West Philippine Sea Victory Day," and affirming Quezon City's commitment to the Country's sovereign rights and maritime jurisdiction in the West Philippine Sea.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all concerned City offices, educational institutions, and civil society organizations are encouraged to conduct appropriate commemorative activities, educational campaigns, forums, flag-raising ceremonies, and public discussions highlighting the importance of protecting Philippine sovereignty and maritime rights in the West Philippine Sea.

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RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, to respectfully urge President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to proclaim July 12 as a national observance of "West Philippine Sea Victory Day," and to call upon the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines to sponsor and enact legislation institutionalizing the annual national commemoration of the Philippines' historic arbitral victory in the West Philippine Sea.

RESOLVED FINALLY, to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: July 20, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 20, 2026 and was CONFIRMED on July 23, 2026.

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ATTY. VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO "Bong" LIBAN III
City Councilor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)

