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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **10606**, S-2026

A RESOLUTION URGING THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE MUSLIM DAILY PRAYER TIME AND ADD A MUSLIM PRAYER ROOM WITHIN THE QUEZON CITY HALL COMPOUND

Introduced by Councilor MIKEY F. BELMONTE

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article III of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines states that the Filipino people have the freedom to exercise and enjoy religious profession and worship, without any discrimination;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 81-1277 of the Civil Service Commission, in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 291, supports flexible working arrangements and excused absences for Filipino-Muslims during Ramadan and other Muslim holidays;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government upholds inclusivity, equality, and respect among their constituents, regardless of their religion. According to the 2022 Ecological Profile of Quezon City, 36,599 or 1.24% of the total population of Quezon City practices Islam. Hence, there is a significant population of Muslim Citizens in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, Muslims are known for their profound religious faith and devotion. In the Hadiths of the Prophet, Muslims are instructed to offer their prayers five (5) times a day, two (2) of which fall on office hours, Dhuhur and Asr;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, this Resolution recognizes the need of our Muslim brothers and sisters to freely practice their faith. In line with this, it urges the Quezon City Government to formally allow Muslims to be excused from work during their prayer times for at least 10-15 minutes, providing them ample time to offer their prayers and practice their religious faith;

WHEREAS, at present, there is a Muslim Prayer Room located at the 3rd Floor of the Community Center Building, City Hall Complex. However, due to the limited capacity of the room, it can only accommodate 15-20 persons, mostly men. Hence, women are left without a space to offer their prayers;



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WHEREAS, establishing an additional Muslim prayer room within the Quezon City Hall Complex allows more Muslim employees to offer their prayers, thereby promoting employee well-being, inclusivity, and respect in the workplace. This ensures that each and every Muslim employee can freely practice their religious faith, even in the workplace;

WHEREAS, female Muslim employees face constraints due to the absence of an ablution facility in the premise. Thus, women cannot wash before offering their prayers. Hence, there is a need to establish an ablution room for women wherein they could perform wudu before offering their prayer.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Quezon City Government to recognize the Muslim Daily Prayer Time and add a Muslim Prayer Room within the Quezon City Hall Compound.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to urge the Quezon City Government to allow Muslims to be excused formally from work during their daily prayer times for at least 10-15 minutes, and to establish an additional prayer room and a female ablution room within the Quezon City Hall Complex.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to all concerned departments, offices, and stakeholders for their information, appropriate action, and compliance.

ADOPTED: July 23, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 23, 2026 and was CONFIRMED on August 3, 2026.


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ATTESTED:


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