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RESOLUTION NO. 122

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TRANSFERRING TO THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NHCP) THE OWNERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION OVER A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT RIZAL PARK, ERMITA, MANILA, WHERE ITS OFFICE BUILDING HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10086, also known as “Strengthening Peoples’ Nationalism Through Philippine History Act”, vests the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) with authority to determine all factual matters relating to official Philippine history;

WHEREAS, the land on which the Office of the NHCP is located is owned by the National Government;

WHEREAS, the administration of the land presently occupied by the office of the NHCP was first vested in the Commission of Parks and Wild Life on December 19, 1955 by virtue of Proclamation No. 234, which administration was transferred to the Jose Rizal National Centennial Commission on December 30, 1957 by virtue of Proclamation No. 470, and subsequently to the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) on October 4, 1967 by virtue of Proclamation No. 273;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 1987, as a temporary measure, the NHCP entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the NPDC that authorized it to occupy a portion of the Rizal Park on which to construct the NHCP building at a monthly rental of one peso (P1.00) for twenty-five (25) years;

WHEREAS, by virtue of an addendum to the NHCP-NPDC MOA, the lease period was extended to December 26, 2016;

WHEREAS, the NPDC had manifested that it will no longer extend the lease agreement with the NHCP;

WHEREAS, the current NHCP building was constructed in 1994 by the NHCP with its own funds in the amount of Thirty-six million pesos (P36,000,000.00), as well as funds from the Philippine National Bank in the amount of Twelve million pesos (P12,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, the NHCP had caused the conduct of a survey of the area covered by the MOA with the NPDC, which survey yielded the technical description of the metes and bounds of the land, and revealed that it is part of the portion of Lot 1, Block 317, Manila Cadastre (Rizal Park), situated in Zone 101, Temporary Barangay D, City of Manila, and that the entire area is made up of more or less three thousand six hundred ninety-three (3,693) square meters;

WHEREAS, in the national interest and in recognition of the importance of preserving the records and important paraphernalia relating to Philippine history, it is appropriate that a permanent and secure office be provided the NHCP;

WHEREAS, given the expense borne by the NHCP in constructing the building it is currently occupying within the Rizal Park, it can only be beneficial to the government to transfer to the NHCP the ownership of the land it currently occupies and the improvements thereat;

WHEREAS, as an immediate remedy, the lease period for the land in the MOA between the NHCP and the NPDC be extended pending action by the President: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To urge President Rodrigo R. Duterte to issue a proclamation transferring to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines the ownership and administration of the parcel of land located at the Rizal Park, Ermita, Manila, where its office building has been constructed.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the President.

Adopted,



PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 21, 2018.



CESAR STRAIT PAREJA
Secretary General