



COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY

COMMITTEE REPORT
NO. POPS-033-S-2024

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Janet Brigg
Date: 07/01/2024
Time: 11:30 am

Subject: **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEAVENLY CULTURE, WORLD PEACE, RESTORATION OF LIGHT PHILIPPINES' (HWPL) EFFORT FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE DECLARATION OF PEACE AND CESSATION OF WAR AS AN INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT OF PEACE (PCR No. 606-2024) dated July 01, 2024.**

After a thorough review of the documents presented regarding the above-mentioned subject matter, a close coordination and consultation with all the members of the council, the undersigned arrived at a conclusion that all the documents are in order.

Thus, the committee respectfully reports that:

1. Heavenly culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), is an international non-governmental organization headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UN DGC), having a Consultative Status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC).
2. HWPL has three (3) main peace-building initiatives in the Philippines, namely: a) launching of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW); b) promoting harmony of religion through its Religious Peace Academy (RPA); c) spreading the culture of peace through peace education.
3. The DPCW promotes principles of peace-building such as the prohibition of the use of force, and development of friendly relations and peaceful dispute settlement, and it emphasizes international cooperation based on interfaith dialogue and civic participation to create a culture of peace.
4. The declaration offers a solution of rooting out the causes of armed conflict and proposes a complete mechanism for the prevention and resolution of conflict and maintenance of peace.
5. The HWPL is advancing the adoption of the DPCW as a covenant that will serve as a foundational legal framework for the international community.
6. The principles enshrined in the DPCW, which advocates for the renunciation of war and adherence to the maintenance of peace, are embedded in the 1987 Philippine Constitution.





RECOMMENDATION:

In view thereof, the committee respectfully **RECOMMENDS** that a resolution be passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod supporting HWPL's effort for the recognition of the declaration of peace and cessation of war as an international instrument of peace.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the contents of the foregoing report are true and correct.

Signed this 2ND day of July^y 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.


COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY



COUN. ALEJANDRO F. GUTIERREZ
Chairman



COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA
Vice Chairman



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Member



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Member





COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY

COMMITTEE HEARING MINUTES
NO. POPS-033-S-2024

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Jenet Pring
Date: 7/11/2024
Time: 10:57 a.m.


Subject: *A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEAVENLY CULTURE, WORLD PEACE, RESTORATION OF LIGHT PHILIPPINES' (HWPL) EFFORT FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE DECLARATION OF PEACE AND CESSATION OF WAR AS AN INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT OF PEACE (PCR No. 606-2024) dated July 01, 2024.*

During the council's regular session on July 1, 2024, Coun. Alejandro F. Gutierrez moved for the approval of a resolution supporting Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light Philippines' (HWPL) effort for the recognition of the declaration of peace and cessation of war as international instrument of peace. Since the internal rules were already suspended, the motion met no objection and was unanimously seconded by the council. It was deemed approved by the Chair.

Prepared By:


MA. CRISTINA A. GOROSPE
Local Legislative Staff Asst. 1

Attested By:


COUN. ALEJANDRO F. GUTIERREZ
Chairman
Committee on Peace and Order &
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BACOOR CITY, CAVITE

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA

City Vice Mayor,
Bacoor Government Center
Bacoor City, Cavite

Thru: Atty. Khalid Atega, Jr.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Subject: Endorsement Letter

Dear Hon. Bautista-Mendiola:

I hereby endorse to the esteemed members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod for appropriate action the letter, dated 20 June 2024, from John Rommel T. Garces, Chief Branch Manager of Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light – Philippines (HWPL), relative to his request for support for the *Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War in a form of a resolution*.

In its letter, HWPL is an international non-governmental peace organization headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UN DGC), having consultative status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)

Attached herewith is the aforementioned letter, including its attachments, for your immediate reference.

I trust that you give this matter your utmost consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Office of the Mayor:
Strike B. Revilla



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STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor



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HEAVENLY CULTURE, WORLD PEACE,
RESTORATION OF LIGHT - PHILIPPINES

June 20, 2024

HON. STREKE BAUTISTA REVILLA

Mayor

City Government of Butuan

Re: Requesting to support the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War in a form of a resolution.

Your Honorable,

Greetings of peace!

I am writing this letter on behalf of Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), an international non-governmental peace organization headquartered in Seoul, Republic of Korea associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UN DGC), having a Consultative Status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC).

HWPL is preparing to submit the 10 articles and 38 clauses of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) to the UN General Assembly this year. For this solution of peace to be adopted, support from the national level is essential. We have been aiming to get the attention of His Excellency, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., to support DPCW through various peace-building activities both internationally and here in the Philippines.

The principles of DPCW are already embedded in the *Philippine Constitution Article 2 Section 2*, which is the renunciation of war and adherence to peace. It definitely supports *Executive Order no. 70*, institutionalizing the whole-of-nation approach to attaining inclusive and sustainable peace. This is strong evidence that the Philippines is a peace-centered country. Honorable, in order to achieve the ultimate goal of implementing a legally binding international instrument for peace, HWPL is sincerely asking your good office to support DPCW in a form of an official letter or document in a form of a resolution. Attached herewith are the resolutions submitted in support of DPCW: city resolutions from Cotabato City, Davao City, Manila City, and Pasig City; municipal resolutions from Kapalong Davao del Norte, Los Baños, Laguna, Sulano, Nueva Vizcaya, Mangudadatu, Maguindanao, Hinigaran, Negros Occidental, and Luisiana, Laguna; a provincial resolution from Province of Davao de Oro; and a regional resolution from Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

We believe that achieving peace would not be possible through a single effort, but through every citizen from every nation, becoming advocates and messengers of peace. Honorable, I am looking forward to hearing your positive response. Should you have any additional questions and queries, please contact me through the contact information provided below.

Very truly yours,

John Rommel T. Garces

Chief Branch Manager

HWPL Philippines

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Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 440

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEAVENLY CULTURE, WORLD PEACE,
RESTORATION OF LIGHT'S EFFORTS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF
THE DECLARATION OF PEACE AND CESSATION OF WAR AS AN
INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT OF PEACE**

WHEREAS, the Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), founded by Lee Man-Hee in 2013, is an international peace Non-Government Organization (NGO) registered in Seoul Special Metropolitan City of the Republic of Korea;

WHEREAS, the HWPL has three (3) main peace-building initiatives in the Philippines, namely: a) launching of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW); b) promoting harmony of religion through its Religious Peace Academy (RPA); and c) spreading the culture of peace through peace education;

WHEREAS, the HWPL International Law Peace Committee, which is composed of prominent international law experts from different countries, introduced the DPCW on March 14, 2016;

WHEREAS, the DPCW promotes principles of peace-building such as the prohibition of the use of force, and development of friendly relations and peaceful dispute settlement, and it emphasizes international cooperation based on interfaith dialogue and civic participation to create a culture of peace;

WHEREAS, the declaration offers a solution for rooting out the causes of armed conflict and proposes a complete mechanism for the prevention and resolution of conflict and maintenance of peace;

WHEREAS, the HWPL is advancing the adoption of the DPCW as a covenant that will serve as a foundational legal framework for the international community;

WHEREAS, the principles enshrined in the DPCW, which advocates for the renunciation of war and adherence to the maintenance of peace, are embedded in the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

WHEREAS, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution lays down for the following State principles and policies:

- a) The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy;
- b) The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy; and
- c) The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;

WHEREAS, the DPCW reaffirms the core values included in the existing international documents, including the UN Charter as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; these

documents aim to promote and respect fundamental human rights and international law through the cessation of all wars and conflicts;

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2023, Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim declared his support for DCPW in Camp Darapanan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte;

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2023, the HWPL RPA was inaugurated in Cotabato City; the RPA highlights the significance of the DPCW, most specifically: a) Article 8. Freedom of Religion; b) Article 9. Religion, Ethnic Identity, and Peace; and c) Article 10. Spreading Culture of Peace;

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2023, during the 9th Commemoration of HWPL World Peace Summit in South Korea, Chief Minister Ebrahim signed a Joint Statement for the implementation of the DCPW:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, To support Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light's efforts for the recognition of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War as an international instrument of peace.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, To furnish a copy of this Resolution to all of the ministries in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, for information.

ADOPTED, *Sha'ban* 16, 1445/February 26, 2024.

Certified Correct:


PROF. BABY M. SINGKAL
Secretary General

Attested:


ATTY. PANGALIAN M. BALINTONG
Speaker

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