



RESOLUTION NO. 3782, S-2026

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRIEF AND
HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE
LATE HONORABLE MERLYN SOLANO ESPIRITU, AND
COMMENDING HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND
DEDICATION AS BARANGAY CHAIRWOMAN OF
BARANGAY HAGDAN BATO ITAAS**

WHEREAS, the City of Mandaluyong has lost a pillar of community leadership and a dedicated advocate for grassroots development with the passing of Honorable Merlyn S. Espiritu;

WHEREAS, the passing of our beloved Barangay Chairwoman, Honorable Merlyn Solano Espiritu, on April 20, 2026 has brought deep sorrow to the residents, officials, and staff of Barangay Hagdan Bato Itaas and to the entire City;

WHEREAS, born on January 29, 1959, and a Nurse by profession, Honorable Espiritu transitioned from a successful 30-year career in the business sector to dedicate her life to the welfare of her fellow Mandaleños, embodying the values of perseverance and service;

WHEREAS, Honorable Merlyn Solano Espiritu served as Barangay Chairwoman from 2023 up to the time of her passing and achieved numerous accomplishments in her public service, making her a source of pride for the City;

WHEREAS, Chairwoman Espiritu served our community with unwavering integrity, compassion, and a "mother's heart," consistently prioritizing the welfare of the marginalized and the safety of every household in her barangay;

WHEREAS, during her tenure, she championed vital programs in local healthcare, public safety and women empowerment, leaving a lasting on the progress of the Barangay Hagdan Bato Itaas;

WHEREAS, Honorable Espiritu began her public service as a Barangay Kagawad (2018–2023), where she actively promoted health, welfare, and community engagement, and later made history as the first woman Barangay Captain of Barangay Hagdan Bato Itaas, breaking barriers and inspiring a new generation of women to take active roles in local governance and community leadership;

WHEREAS, her leadership was defined by her ability to listen, her courage in times of crisis, and her tireless commitment to public service beyond the confines of the Barangay Hall;

WHEREAS, her tenure was marked by exemplary performance and notable recognitions, including the Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (2024 and 2025), Most Improved Barangay in Nutrition Program Management (2024), Blue Banner Award on Nutrition (2024), and the successful maintenance of the Drug-Cleared Status of the barangay;

WHEREAS, beyond her official duties, she was a staunch advocate of women's empowerment as founder of KAHABI (Kababaihan ng Hagdan Bato Itaas), and a strong supporter of environmental sustainability and nutrition programs, including participation in the 2024 Nutri-Exhibit: BNC Pathways to Sustainable Livelihoods; the HAPAG Garden Contest, and the Hagdan Bato Fire and Rescue Volunteers during National Disaster Resilience Month;

WHEREAS, her commitment to social inclusion and community spirit earned the barangay 9th Place in the Best Float Competition (2025) and recognition through the Strong Partnership Award from Eulogio Rodriguez Integrated School;

WHEREAS, as a leader, she carried forward a legacy of public service alongside her husband, former Barangay Captain Edmon B. Espiritu, demonstrating that her life was a testament to perseverance, leadership, and integrity;

WHEREAS, the City of Mandaluyong mourns the passing of a dedicated public servant, a visionary leader, and a trailblazer in local governance, Honorable Merlyn S. Espiritu, who served with unwavering integrity and compassion;

WHEREAS, her passing is a great loss not only to her family and the residents of Barangay Hagdan Bato but also to the entire City of Mandaluyong, which she served with genuine compassion and dedication;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Barangay, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and the entire City wish to honor her memory and express their deepest gratitude for her years of dedicated service;

WHEREAS, the exemplary leadership, unwavering passion for public service, and remarkable contributions of the late Barangay Chairwoman Merlyn Espiritu are worthy of emulation and recognition by the City Government of Mandaluyong.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong, in session assembled, RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to express its most profound grief and deepest condolences to the bereaved family of the late Honorable Merlyn Solano Espiritu, and to commend her exemplary service and dedication as Barangay Chairwoman of Barangay Hagdan Bato Itaas.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to her family as a token of esteem and a lasting tribute to her remarkable life and legacy.

ADOPTED on this 23rd day of April 2026, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN A SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

APPROVED BY:


ANTONIO DLS. SUVA, JR.
City Vice Mayor
& Presiding Officer


CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: APR 23 2026

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