

Mayor Bautista approves Quezon City Elder Abuse Awareness Day

QUEZON City Mayor Herbert Bautista has signed an ordinance declaring June 15 as the Quezon City Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

City Ordinance 2670-2018, also known as the Quezon City Elder Abuse Awareness Day Ordinance, is in accordance with Resolution No. 66/127 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly designating June 15 as the World Elder Abuse Day.

The annual event aims to call attention to growing global opposition against abuse of the elderly.

“As the ageing populations rapidly increase, the incidence of elder abuse is concomitantly growing. Usually, it is in the form of financial exploitation, material abuse, maltreatment, at home; such abuses often go unre-

ported, partly due to shame and embarrassment on the part of the victims or because of their cognitive and other impairments,” the ordinance read.

The City Council passed the Quezon City Elder Abuse Awareness Day Ordinance to comply with its mandate to protect and uplift the dignity and well being of its citizens, especially the elderly against any form of abuse such as, physical injuries, theft, property grabbing, and ejection from homes.

The Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), in cooperation with Social Services Development Department (SSDD) and City Health Department, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the ordinance.