

## Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 20th City Council

PO20CC-474

80th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP. 2794 , S-2018

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EVERY 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER AS DR. FE DEL MUNDO DAY IN QUEZON CITY AND ENJOINING THE QUEZON HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE**PUBLIC AFFAIRS** INFORMATION SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND THE **TOURISM** DEPARTMENT IN COORDINATION WITH THE DR. FE DEL MUNDO CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION TO UNDERTAKE AN ANNUAL SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE OF DR. FE DEL MUNDO.

Introduced by Councilors RAQUEL S. MALANGEN and ALEXIS R. HERRERA

Co-Introduced by Councilors Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Alfredo S. Roxas and Noe Lorenzo B. Dela Fuente III.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fe Del Mundo, born in the City of Manila on November 27, 1911, studied at the University of the Philippines, Manila where she earned her medical degree in 1933. She graduated as class valedictorian and passed the medical board exam that same year, placing third among the examinees;

WHEREAS, her exposure to various health conditions afflicting children in the provinces, particularly in the Province of Marinduque where her father came from, led her to choose pediatrics as her field of medical specialization;





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WHEREAS, Dr. Fe Del Mundo was offered by President Manuel L. Quezon full scholarship to any school in the United States for further training in a medical field of her choice. She accepted the offer and chose to go to Harvard Medical School in 1936. Dr. Fe Del Mundo studied in Harvard Medical School until 1938, where she finished 3 Pediatric courses. She then took up her residency at the Billings Hospital of the University of Chicago and a two-year fellowship at the Harvard Medical School Children's Hospital. She also enrolled at the Boston University School of Medicine, earning a Master's Degree in Bacteriology in 1940;

WHEREAS, in 1957, Dr. Fe Del Mundo established the Children's Medical Center, a 100-bed hospital located in Quezon City, which was the first pediatric hospital in the Philippines. In 1966, the hospital was expanded by the establishment of an institute of Maternal and Child Health, the first institution of its kind in Asia and is now named as the Dr. Fe Del Mundo Children Medical Center Foundation a major landmark and one of the known health institutions in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, in 1977, she was cited as an Outstanding Pediatrician and Humanitarian by the International Pediatric Association. In 1980, President Ferdinand E. Marcos named Dr. Fe Del Mundo as a National Scientist of the Philippines. Also in 1977, she was awarded the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service. In 2008, she received the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Award of the AY Foundation. On April 22, 2010, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo awarded Dr. Fe Del Mundo the Order of Lakandula with the Rank of Bayani Posthumously in 2011, she was conferred the Grand Collar of the Order of the Golden Heart Award by President Benigno Aquino III;

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2011, after 8 decades of outstanding medical career Dr. Fe Del Mundo died after suffering from cardiac arrest and was laid to rest at the Libingan ng Bayani.

## NOW, THEREFORE,

BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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SECTION 1. November 27 of every year is hereby declared as Dr. Fe Del Mundo Day in Quezon City.

SECTION 2. The Quezon City Health Department, the Quezon City Public Affairs and Information Service Department and the Quezon City Tourism Department in coordination with the Dr. Fe Del Mundo Children Medical Center Foundation is hereby enjoined to undertake an annual significant program of activities to commemorate the life of Dr. Fe Del Muno.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 3, 2018.

RODERICK M. PAULATE President Pro-Tempore Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III

APPROVED:

0 JAN 2019

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 3, 2018 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.

Atty, JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III