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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **9055**, S-2022

A RESOLUTION URGING ALL BARANGAYS OF QUEZON CITY TO ESTABLISH A BARANGAY SOLO PARENTS' DESK AND/OR TO DESIGNATE THEIR RESPECTIVE SOLO PARENTS FOCAL PERSON TO SERVE AS COORDINATOR WITH THE QUEZON CITY SOLO PARENTS AFFAIRS OFFICE (QC-SPA0).

Introduced by Councilor MARIA ELEANOR "Doc Ellie" R. JUAN, O.D.

WHEREAS, Section 12, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State recognizes the sanctity of family life. It shall protect the family as a basic autonomous social institution and the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception, and the natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the Government;

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children shall be the priority of the State;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as the "Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2020", as amended by Republic Act No. 11861 or the "Expanded Solo Parents' Welfare Act", declares that it is the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that ensures 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;

WHEREAS, the same Section mandates the government to support the natural and primary rights and duty of solo parents in rearing their children by providing for their basic needs, and extending to them assistance in social services and welfare benefits, with the end in view of uplifting their status and circumstances;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Republic Act No. 8972, as amended, provides for the establishment of a Solo Parents Office in every city, which shall be responsible, among many others, to plan, implement, and monitor yearly work programs, maintain and regularly update the list of solo parents and issue free Solo Parents I.D. Card (SPIC) and booklets and serve as a general information and liaison center for solo parents;

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WHEREAS, Section 18 of the same Act, as amended, mandates the local government units to submit the list of solo parents receiving benefits under the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on a quarterly basis;

WHEREAS, Section 19 of the same Act, as amended, provides for the documentary requirements for purposes of registration and issuance of SPIC and booklet. In various purposes and circumstances enumerated in the said law, an affidavit of barangay official attesting that the solo parent is a resident of the barangay and that the children are under the parental care and support of the applicable solo parent is required;

WHEREAS, Section 22 of the same Act, as amended, provides that in cases of reports of abused, abandoned, or neglected solo parent, the DSWD shall coordinate with the respective barangay officials and/or police officers assigned in the nearest Philippine National Police Station in order to provide immediate assistance;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council enacted Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2041, S- 2011, entitled "An Ordinance Adopting and/or Localizing the Implementation of Republic Act No. 8972, Also Known as the "Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000" in Quezon City";

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council later enacted Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2374, S-2014, entitled "An Ordinance Providing for Expanded Benefits to Solo Parents and their Children, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes, Amending Ordinance No. SP-2041, S-2011 Also Known as "An Ordinance Adopting and/or Localizing the Implementation of Republic Act No. 8972, Also Known as the "Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000" in Quezon City";

WHEREAS, in order to pursue the localized implementation of the Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2020, as well as the aforementioned local ordinances, the City Council enacted Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2869, S-2019, entitled "An Ordinance Organizing and Establishing the Quezon City Solo Parents Affairs Office Subject to All Legal and Existing Laws, Rules and Regulations and Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", otherwise known as the "Solo Parents Affairs Office Ordinance of Quezon City";

WHEREAS, pursuant to the objectives of the existing national and local laws, the Quezon City Government has instituted several programs, which it has been continuously re-focusing towards the provision of additional benefits and privileges to solo parents and their children;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government is inclined to promote empowerment of its citizens of every gender and social class, as well as to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of basic services to its constituents. Toward this end, it is imperative for our City Government to guarantee that the solo parents and their children are properly assisted and that the benefits and privileges which are being provided by the existing national and local laws are accessible and within their reach;

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WHEREAS, the barangays play a vital role in safeguarding the rights and benefits of the solo parents and their children from the ground level, as well as in providing the necessary assistance to our City Government, particularly the Quezon City-Solo Parents Affairs Office (QC-SPAO), in carrying out its various mandates in achieving the goals and objectives of the existing laws considering the increase in the number of registered solo parents in Quezon City, with an average of approximately forty percent (40%) for the past five (5) years.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, all barangays of Quezon City to establish a Barangay Solo Parents' Desk and/or to designate their respective Solo Parents Focal Person to serve as coordinator with the Quezon City Solo Parents Affairs Office (QC-SPAO).

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all barangays shall be furnished with a copy of this Resolution upon its approval.

ADOPTED: September 19, 2022.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 19, 2022 and was CONFIRMED on September 27, 2022.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

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