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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
Quezon City  
22<sup>nd</sup> City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **9192**, S-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - METRO MANILA CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (DOH-MMCHD), REPRESENTED BY ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR IV ALELI ANNIE GRACE P. SUDIACAL, MD, MPH, CESE, THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT - NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (POPCOM-NCR), REPRESENTED BY ITS ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR JACKYLIN D. ROBEL, AND ZUELLIG FAMILY FOUNDATION (ZFF), REPRESENTED BY ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AUSTERE A. PANADERO FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM: "ESTABLISHING ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH - FRIENDLY CITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES TOWARDS THE REDUCTION OF TEENAGE PREGNANCIES" THROUGH THE CHALLENGE INITIATIVE (TCI).

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Introduced by Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA and DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo and Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas.

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WHEREAS, the Philippines is committed to fully attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including its specific commitment to provide the universal access to reproductive health and to reduce maternal death under SDG 3 and 5;

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WHEREAS, the high incidence of adolescent pregnancies especially among minors in the country call for strategic, inter-agency and multi-sectoral interventions at all levels given its life-long multi-dimensional and critical impact on the individual adolescents and on the socio-economic condition of the nation;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) is the lead agency in the implementation of Republic Act No. 10354, otherwise known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law and co-leads with the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) in the implementation of the National Program on Family Planning which includes the provision of adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health (AYSRH) information and services through their regional offices;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) is mandated by Presidential Decree No. 79 to serve as the central planning, coordinating, monitoring and policy-making body for the Philippine Population Management Program which includes strategies for the promotion of responsible parenthood, family planning, and adolescent health and development, and the implementation thereof in their regional offices;

WHEREAS, the Zuellig Family Foundation (ZFF) strives to enhance the quality of life of the Filipinos by focusing on the achievement of the SDGs for health and by strengthening the country's public healthcare systems thereby improving the access of the poor to healthcare through its Health Change Model and Bridging Leadership Programs;

WHEREAS, the Zuellig Family Foundation (ZFF) entered into an agreement with the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to implement The Challenge Initiative (TCI) in the Philippines which adopts and promotes a "business unusual" approach to providing lifesaving reproductive health and family planning information and services, including adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health (AYSRH), to underserved communities in urban areas;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government (QCG) expressed its interest to work with the DOH-MMCHD, the POPCOM-NCR and ZFF through The Challenge Initiative (TCI) with focus on Establishing Adolescent and Youth-Friendly Cities in the Philippines towards the reduction of Teenage Pregnancies;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 455 (b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", the City Mayor shall represent the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations, and such other documents upon the authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize, as it does hereby authorize, the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health - Metro Manila Center For Health Development (DOH-MMCHD), represented by its Regional Director, Director IV Aleli Annie Grace P. Sudiacal, MD, MPH, CESE, the Commission on Population and Development - National Capital Region (POPCOM-NCR), represented by its Acting Regional Director Jackylin D. Robel, and Zuellig Family Foundation (ZFF), represented by its Executive Director, Austere A. Panadero for the Implementation of the Program: "Establishing Adolescent and Youth - Friendly Cities in the Philippines Towards the Reduction of Teenage Pregnancies" through The Challenge Initiative (TCI).


RESOLVED FURTHER, that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding shall form an integral part of this Resolution.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Department of Health - Metro Manila Center for Health Development (DOH-MMCHD), Commission on Population and Development - National Capital Region (POPCOM-NCR), and Zuellig Family Foundation (ZFF), for their information and guidance.

ADOPTED: February 13, 2023.


  
JOSEPH JOE VISAYA  
City Councilor  
Acting 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 February 13, 2023 and was CONFIRMED on February 20, 2023.

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