

## Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
22<sup>nd</sup> City Council

PR22CC-437

36th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9309 , S-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, AND THE QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER CHIEF II, DR. JOSEPHINE B. SABANDO, MD, RN, FPBA, MHA, FPSA, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER — NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORY, REPRESENTED BY MEDICAL CENTER CHIEF II, DR. ALFONSO G. NUÑEZ III, MD, FPCS, MMHOA, FOR THE CONDUCT OF CONFIRMATORY TESTS AFTER THE INITIAL DRUG SCREENING TESTS DONE AT QCGH DRUG TESTING CENTER

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

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, 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, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Julian Marcus D. Trono

WHEREAS, this Resolution is aligned with Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2537, S-2016 entitled "An Ordinance Mandating the Establishment of Drug Testing Laboratories in the Quezon City General Hospital, Novaliches District Hospital, Quezon City Health Department and the Quezon City Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (TAHANAN), and Appropriating the Necessary Funds for its Operation for the Year 2017 which shall be Included in the Annual Budget";

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City General Hospital has allocated a space at the second floor of the Outpatient Department, equipped with computers, refrigerator for urine specimen and waterless urinal, which will be the permanent location of the QCGH Drug Testing Center;

WHEREAS, during the process of acquiring the QCGH Drug Testing Center accreditation with the Department of Health, the QCGH was required to have a Memorandum of Agreement with National Reference Laboratory of East Avenue Medical Center for the confirmatory tests of initial drug screening tests done prior to issuance of License to Operate;

WHEREAS, National Reference Laboratory For Environmental and Occupational Health, Toxicology and Micronutrient Assay is the technical arm of the Department of Health under the administration of the East Avenue Medical Center, with principal address at East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, represented by its Medical Center Chief II, Dr. Alfonso G. Nuñez III, MD, FPCS, MMHoA offers its drug testing services to the QCGH Drug Testing Center for the latter's drug testing requirements to help ensure the safety in workplaces and wellness of its employees;

WHEREAS, the National Reference Laboratory at the East Avenue Medical Center is the Philippines' reference laboratory for environmental, occupational health, toxicology and micronutrient assay. It functions to provide laboratory reference or referral services for confirmatory testing, conduct surveillance and research, train laboratory personnel, maintain quality assurance programs for laboratory tests, and perform technical evaluations of reagents and diagnostic kits;

WHEREAS, all the positive drug screening tests done at QCGH Drug Testing Center shall be subjected to confirmatory analysis to be done by the National Reference Laboratory at East Avenue Medical Center;

WHEREAS, there is an appropriation for the payment of confirmatory tests allotted in the 2023 Approved Budget of QCGH.

## 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, and the Quezon City General Hospital Medical Center Chief II, Dr. Josephine B. Sabando, MD, RN, FPBA, MHA, FPSA, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with East Avenue Medical Center – National Reference Laboratory, represented by Medical Center Chief II, Dr. Alfonso G. Nuñez III, MD, FPCS, MMHoA, for the conduct of confirmatory tests after the initial drug screening tests done at QCGH Drug Testing Center.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of the subject Memorandum of Agreement shall form an integral part of this Resolution.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Hospital Directors of Quezon City General Hospital and East Avenue Medical Center – National Reference Laboratory, for their information and guidance.

ADOPTED: June 26, 2023.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III City Government Department Head III (City Council Secretary)

## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 26, 2023 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)