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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **9311**, S-2023

A RESOLUTION URGING THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE A STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN QUEZON CITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ORDINANCE

Introduced by Councilor VITO SOTTO GENEROSO

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., 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, Kate Galang-Coseteng, 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, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Julian Marcus D. Trono

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 11223, otherwise known as the "Universal Healthcare Act", every Filipino shall be granted immediate eligibility and access to preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and palliative care for medical, dental, mental and emergency health services, delivered either as population-based or individual-based health services;

WHEREAS, furthermore under Republic Act No. 11223, the Local Government Units (LGUs) are also directed to enact stricter ordinances that strengthen and broaden existing health policies, address mental health issues and improve health indicators;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 11036, otherwise known as the "Mental Health Act," the state affirms the basic right of all Filipinos to mental health as well as the fundamental rights of people who require mental health services;

WHEREAS, furthermore under the same Republic Act No. 11036, each LGU, upon its determination of necessity based on well-supported data provided by its local health office, shall establish or upgrade hospitals and facilities with adequate and qualified personnel, equipment and supplies to be able to provide mental health services and to address psychiatric emergencies;

WHEREAS, no less than the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, during her address at the National Mental Health Summit held in SM Aura Premier last October 29, 2022, mentioned the enactment of the Quezon City Mental Health Code which incorporates all the existing mental health programs of the City Government;

WHEREAS, based on the Quezon City Police District's data, there has been a steady increase in the incidence of suicide for the past five (5) years with an average of 96 suicides in the City annually;

WHEREAS, Quezon City, being the most populous city in the country and at the same time being one of the most robust local economy, has enough reason to address the mental health of its wide population and has a good history and capacity to initiate and pioneer groundbreaking projects and policies.


NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Quezon City Health Department to initiate a study for the establishment of a Mental Health Center in Quezon City, in accordance with the Mental Health Ordinance.

ADOPTED: June 13, 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 13, 2023 and was CONFIRMED on June 19, 2023.


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
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