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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9468, S-2023

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING ALL BARANGAYS OF QUEZON CITY TO OBSERVE AND SUPPORT THE CITY'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE SOLO PARENT'S WEEK EVERY THIRD (3RD) WEEK OF THE MONTH OF APRIL, PURSUANT TO THE PREVIOUS PROVISIONS OF QUEZON CITY ORDINANCE NO. SP-2354, S-2014

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

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., 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, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, 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, Section 1, Article XV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution clearly states that the State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as the "Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000", declares that it is a policy of the State to promote the family as the foundation of the nation, strengthen its solidarity and ensure its total development. Towards this end, it shall develop a comprehensive program of services for solo parents and their children;

WHEREAS, the 19th City Council enacted Ordinance No. SP-2354, S-2014, entitled "An Ordinance Providing for the City's Annual Observance of the Solo Parent's Week which is Celebrated on the Third (3rd) Week of the Month of April of Every Year";

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP-2374, S-2014, otherwise known as the "Quezon City Expanded Benefits of Solo Parents and their Children Ordinance", was later enacted providing for additional benefits and privileges for the solo parents residing in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2022, Republic Act No. 11861, otherwise known as the "Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act" lapsed into law. Said law amends Republic Act No. 8972 or the "Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000" and grants additional support and benefits to solo parents in keeping with the policy of the State to promote social justice;

WHEREAS, under the new law, the coverage of solo parents is expanded to include the spouse or any family member of a low/semi-skilled Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) who is away from the country for an uninterrupted period of twelve (12) months. The coverage also includes solo grandparents who have sole parental care over their grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Section 21 of the Republic Act No. 8972, as amended by Republic Act No. 11861, provides:

"Section 21. National Solo Parents Day and Week. – To commemorate the role and significance of every solo parent in the Philippines, the third week and third Saturday of April of every year are hereby declared as Solo Parents Week and National Solo parents Day, respectively."

WHEREAS, the expansion of the coverage of the legal concept of a "solo parent" contemplates an increase in the number of single parents in our City who may be in need of support and assistance from our City Government;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government is inclined to promote empowerment of its citizens of every sector, especially the marginalized and vulnerable ones such as the solo parents and their children. In fact, it has instituted several programs, benefits, and privileges for the solo parents residing in our City;

WHEREAS, solo parents and their children are considered vulnerable; hence, programs designed to empower them should be in place;

WHEREAS, the celebration of the Solo Parent's Week aims to honor and give due recognition to the role and significance of every solo parent in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. SP-2354, S-2014, the third (3rd) week of the month of April of every year shall be known as the "Solo Parent's Week of Quezon City". The City Government, through the Social Services and Development Department (SSDD), in coordination with existing and/or accredited solo parents organizations, shall conduct an annual activity and celebration, which includes provision of various packages of service such as livelihood, psychological, health, and legal counseling and notarial services;

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WHEREAS, the barangays play a vital role in empowering and safeguarding the right of solo parents and their children from the ground level, as well as in providing the necessary assistance to our City Government in carrying out its various mandates in achieving the goal and objectives of the above-cited existing laws.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly urge, as it does hereby strongly urge, all barangays of Quezon City to observe and support the City's annual celebration of the Solo Parent's Week every third (3rd) week of the month of April, pursuant to the previous provisions of Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-2354, S-2014.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to all barangays in Quezon City, Social Services Development Department (SSDD) and to the Gender and Development (GAD) Office for their information.

ADOPTED: October 16, 2023.



JOSEPH JOE VISAYA
City Councilor
Acting 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 October 16, 2023 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.


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