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46th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP-_____9484_____, S-2023

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE QUEZON CITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF ADEQUATE SITE-WATER FOUNTAINS OR DRINKING WATER FACILITIES IN QUEZON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced by Councilor ALY MEDALLA

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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, Section 16 further mandates that "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, *public drinking fountains or facilities can enhance access to safe and clean drinking water that can be used to refill bottles or directly drink water;*

WHEREAS, *the provision and maintenance of adequate safe drinking fountains or facilities in public schools will promote a healthy lifestyle and help in reducing plastic pollution;*

WHEREAS, *students who are properly hydrated feel and perform better at all levels. It helps them to concentrate, elevate their physical activity, and it reduces the frequency of illness, among other benefits;*

WHEREAS, *water is a healthy alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages. Drinking sufficient amounts of water can lead to improved weight status, reduced dental caries, and improved cognition among children and adolescents. Because children spend most of their day at school and in child-care, ensuring that safe, potable drinking water is available in these settings, is a fundamental public health measure;*

WHEREAS, *the accessibility of drinking water in schools and child-care facilities should include the regulatory framework that guides such access, identification of challenges that limit access to drinking water, opportunities to improve drinking water access and consumption in schools, and recommendations to enhance drinking water access and intake in schools and child-care settings.*

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, the Quezon City Planning and Development Department to conduct a study on the provision and maintenance of adequate site-water fountains or drinking water facilities in Quezon City Public Schools.*

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Office of the City Mayor, the Schools Division Office – Quezon City and the City Planning and Development Department for their information.
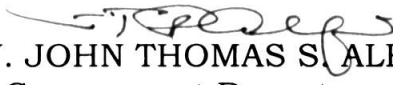
ADOPTED: October 9, 2023.

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 October 9, 2023 and was CONFIRMED on October 16, 2023.

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