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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9620, S-2024

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE CITY GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE FREE MEDICATION, TREATMENT OR REHABILITATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF QUEZON CITY WHO WANT TO QUIT SMOKING, VAPING AND USING E-CIGARETTES

Introduced by Councilor AIKO S. MELENDEZ

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WHEREAS, as stated in Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, as provided in Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers;

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WHEREAS, according to Section 24, Republic Act No. 8749 or The Clean Air Act, smoking inside or in an enclosed public building, public vehicles and other means of transportation, in an enclosed area outside a private property such as residence, commercial building, and outside a duly designated smoking area is strictly prohibited; such provision must be implemented by the Local Government Units;

WHEREAS, according to Ordinance No. SP-1420, S-2004 of the Quezon City Government, in support of the national laws in relation to smoking ban, such as Republic Act No. 9211 or the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, smoking in public places is strictly prohibited, smoking and non-smoking areas are designated and equivalent penalties for its violation have been provided;

WHEREAS, the existing national and local laws attempted to promote a safer environment and healthier residents, but it is not enough that the negative act of smoking, vaping and using e-cigarettes in certain areas are only prohibited and discouraged;

WHEREAS, more persuasive and encouraging initiatives must be taken by promoting and providing treatment or medical services for the residents of Quezon City who want to quit smoking, vaping and using e-cigarettes;

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes likewise contain the harmful addictive substance nicotine, and their use, known as vaping, can be treated alongside other substance addictions in a rehabilitation setting;

WHEREAS, to promote a safer city and healthier citizens of the City, free psychological and medical consultations must be conducted especially for those who fail to afford the same and those who remain unaware as to where to begin;

WHEREAS, free, affordable or discounted medicines, physical and social activities, educational programs and other rehabilitation services shall also be provided;

WHEREAS, there must also be constant and stringent reminders, whether posted in conspicuous places or online, of the availability of the programs, activities, and assistance;

WHEREAS, the lists of different organizations, campaigns, and support groups regarding quitting from smoking, vaping and using e-cigarettes must be made available to the residents;

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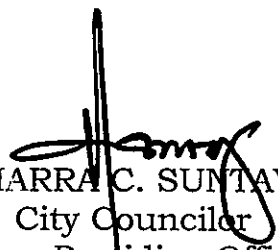
WHEREAS, this measure will not only benefit the smokers and vapers but it will also protect the people who might acquire different health risks and problems due to secondhand smoking;

NOW, THEREFORE,

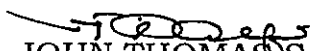
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to encourage, as it does hereby encourage, the City Government to promote and provide free medication, treatment or rehabilitation for the residents of Quezon City who want to quit smoking, vaping and using e-cigarettes.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that an Ordinance shall be made in accordance with this Resolution upon the availability of funds.

ADOPTED: March 18, 2024.



MARRA C. SUNTAY
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 March 18, 2024 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.


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