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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9769, S-2024

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING AND ENCOURAGING ALL BARANGAYS IN QUEZON CITY TO CONDUCT A REGULAR QUARTERLY BLOOD DONATION DRIVE IN THEIR AREA OF JURISDICTION

Introduced by Councilors CHARM M. FERRER and ALFRED VARGAS, MPA

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, 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, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, 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, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7719, otherwise known as "National Blood Services Act of 1994," encourages voluntary blood donation in order to ensure adequate supply of human blood;

WHEREAS, this piece of legislation aims to encourage citizens to donate blood through educational and advocacy-based activities that will instill public consciousness of the principle that blood donation is a humanitarian act. Sadly, however, the efforts and appeal to altruism seem insufficient;

WHEREAS, according to reports, it was noted that in 2009, about one in four blood units collected were from replacement donation (i.e., blood donation from family and friends in exchange for stored blood used by a patient) and the same situation exists at present;

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WHEREAS, donating blood can help other people maintain good health or can allow them to stay alive; it also benefits the donor;

WHEREAS, donating 1 unit of blood may save the lives of up to 3 people;

WHEREAS, donating blood is a chance for a free health screening since prior donation, vital signs will be checked to ensure the fitness of the donor; in the process, there is a chance to check high blood pressure or a heart arrythmia like atrial fibrillation. In addition, donors will be screened for infectious diseases;

WHEREAS, regular blood donation is linked to lower blood pressure and a lower risk for heart attacks. If hemoglobin is too high, blood donation helps lower the viscosity of the blood, which has been associated with the formation of blood clots, heart attacks, and stroke;

WHEREAS, giving blood is a great way to help the most vulnerable people in our community. People who do altruistic things like donating blood feel closer to their communities, and these positive feelings can lead to better health and longer lives;

WHEREAS, creating moments of kindness during a time of need does wonders for a person's mental health and well-being;

WHEREAS, according to the National Blood Transfusion Service, regular blood donation reduces the probability of having a heart attack by as much as 88%; the body automatically replenishes the lost blood within the first 48 hours after donation;

WHEREAS, a donor can donate and give blood every 12 weeks;

WHEREAS, with the population of our City, numerous individuals, if tapped or asked to donate, would maintain a sufficient supply of blood;

WHEREAS, our barangays as the smallest unit, yet the closest entity to the residents, may initiate, in coordination with the proper agencies, a regular quarterly blood donation drive in their area;

WHEREAS, the Punong Barangays may invite business establishments and organizations to participate by encouraging their employees and members to donate blood through the blood donation drive;

WHEREAS, our City, with its resources and population that are compassionate by nature, may initiate this worthy cause.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly urge and encourage, as it does hereby strongly urge and encourage, all barangays in Quezon City to conduct a regular quarterly blood donation drive in their area of jurisdiction.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution shall be furnished to all barangays in Quezon City for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: August 20, 2024.

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 August 20, 2024 and was CONFIRMED on August 27, 2024.

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