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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9778, S-2024

A RESOLUTION URGING ALL BARANGAYS WITHIN QUEZON CITY TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE HPV VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN AT THEIR RESPECTIVE HEALTH CENTERS

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WHEREAS, according to studies, the Philippines has a population of 39.6 million women ages 15 years and older who are at risk of developing Cervical Cancer. Current estimates indicate that every year, 7,897 women are diagnosed with Cervical Cancer and 4,052 die from the said disease;

WHEREAS, Cervical Cancer ranks as the 2^{nd} most frequent cancer among women in the Philippines and the 2^{nd} most frequent Cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age. About 2.9% of women in the general population are estimated to harbour Cervical Human Papillomavirus (HPV) 16 or 18 Infection at a given time, and 58.6% of Invasive Cervical Cancers are attributed to HPV 16 or 18.

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;



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WHEREAS, research shows that HPV infection is the significant cause of Cervical Cancer;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) and other health organizations recommend the HPV vaccine for children, particularly before they become sexually active, to ensure maximum protection against the virus;

WHEREAS, the early vaccination of children against HPV is crucial in reducing the incidence of HPV-related diseases and promoting the overall health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS, increasing HPV vaccination coverage among children is essential to achieving herd immunity and preventing the spread of the virus within the community;

WHEREAS, promoting HPV vaccination aligns with the government's broader public health goals and contributes to the sustainable development goals related to health and well-being;

WHEREAS, educating parents and guardians about the benefits and safety of the HPV vaccine is necessary to encourage vaccination and dispel any misconceptions or fears;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units, particularly Barangays, play a vital role in the implementation of public health programs and initiatives at the grassroots level;

WHEREAS, it is essential to increase awareness and accessibility of the HPV vaccine to all children in every barangay to ensure widespread immunization coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, all Barangays within Quezon City to encourage and promote HPV vaccination for children at their respective health centers.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Barangay Health Centers should immediately coordinate with the Department of Health and other relevant health agencies to ensure the availability and proper administration of the HPV vaccine, and to immediately facilitate the immunization drive in their respective jurisdiction.

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the City Mayor, the Department of Health, and all Punong Barangays for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: August 27, 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 27, 2024 and was CONFIRMED on September 4, 2024.

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