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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **9786**, S-2024

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND OTHER INVOLVED AGENCIES TO INTENSIFY THE CAMPAIGN FOR ORGAN DONATION

Introduced by Councilor CHARM M. FERRER

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, 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, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, 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, Section 15 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, Republic Act No. 7170, otherwise known as the Organ Donation Act of 1991, was enacted last January 7, 1992 or about 32 years ago;

WHEREAS, as per the 2019 data from the International Registry in Organ Donation and Transplantation (IRODAT), the rate of deceased organ donation in western countries such as the United States was 36.88 patients per million population (ppmp) and 48.9 ppmp in Spain, while the Philippines only had a rate of 0.087 ppmp;

WHEREAS, donation is the giving of an organ and tissue to help someone who needs a transplant. A transplant can save or transform the life of a person;

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WHEREAS, one organ donor can save up to 7 lives and help many more through eye and tissue donation;

WHEREAS, organs and tissues that can be donated include hearts, kidneys, lungs, pancreas, livers, intestines, corneas, skins, tendons, bones, nerves and heart valves depending on the healthiness of the donor;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has an international reputation as one of the global hotspots for organ trafficking;

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Philippines was named as one of the organ-exporting countries in the World Health Organization's (WHO) report, along with India, Pakistan, China, Egypt and Colombia;

WHEREAS, the availability of human organs in a legal way will deter the commission of crimes involving human organs;

WHEREAS, in order that the public will obtain the maximum benefits from the law, the Department of Health, in cooperation with institutions such as the National Kidney Institute, civic and non-government health organizations and other health-related agencies involved in the donation and transplantation of human organs, must undertake a public information program;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health must intensify actions to persuade all health professionals, both government and private, to make an appeal for human organ donation;

WHEREAS, on the part of the Quezon City Government, the Quezon City Health Department must coordinate with the agencies involved to be updated on the status of organ donation in the Country and particularly in the City;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Health Department must conduct its own campaign to inform the public of the benefits of organ donation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Department of Health and other involved agencies to intensify the campaign for organ donation.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Quezon City Health Department shall coordinate with the Department of Health for the Organ Donation Program.

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RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Department of Health, the Quezon City Health Department and other involved agencies.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Quezon City Health Department conducts information campaign on the Organ Donation Program.

ADOPTED: August 27, 2024.



GIAN G. SOTTO
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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
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