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RESOLUTION NO. SP-10077, S-2025

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN (CEPC) PLAN 2024-2026

Introduced by Councilor CHARM M. FERRER

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WHEREAS, Sections 4 and 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people, and that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution enshrines the State's policy to protect and advance the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 3(2), Article XV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State is obliged to defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates Local Government Units (LGUs) to ensure the general welfare of their constituents and to provide basic social services, among others, for the care of abandoned minors and abused children;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10821, otherwise known as the Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act, provides that it shall be the policy of the State to protect the fundamental rights of children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations when children are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances that affect their survival and normal development;

WHEREAS, Section 2(b), Rule IV of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10821 directs that the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRRMC) to be responsible for the integration of the Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children (CEPC) in the LGU's Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), Contingency Plan (CP), Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (LDRRMP) and Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF);

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10821 enjoins LGUs and provides them guidance in the localization of their respective CEPC and its integration into their Comprehensive or Local Development Plans (C/LDPs), Annual Investment Programs (AIPs), LDRRMPs and LDRRMFs and CPs; it shall use the Program as basis for handling disasters and other emergency situations to protect children and pregnant and lactating mothers, and support their immediate recovery;

WHEREAS, Section 4.2.2.5 of Memorandum Circular No. 2018-196 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government provides that the "Local Council for the Protection of Children shall provide the child rights perspective critical to Local CEPC components especially on compliance to the criteria of child-friendly spaces and the promotion of child rights, among others";

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 02, Series of 2021 dated 15 January 2021 issued by the Office of the City Mayor constituted an Ad Hoc Committee to localize the CEPC for Quezon City and organized its Technical Working Group;

WHEREAS, the CEPC 2021-2023 was approved by the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, as Chairperson of the Quezon City Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) and Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (QCDRRMC) during the Regular Meeting conducted on February 24, 2022;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 34, Series of 2022 dated 18 August 2022 issued by the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, established the CEPC Sub-Committee under the Quezon City Council for the Protection of Children with the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer as Chairperson and the Social Welfare and Development Officer as Vice-Chairperson of the said Sub-Committee;

WHEREAS, during the CEPC Sub-Committee workshop held from November 5 to 7, 2024, the CEPC was reviewed, updated and finalized, and was subsequently approved on November 7, 2024 during the concluding session of the said workshop.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to adopt, as it does hereby adopt, the updated Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children (CEPC) Plan 2024-2026.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, and other offices or departments concerned for their information, guidance and reference.

ADOPTED: March 3, 2025.

KATE GALANG-COSETENG
Minority Floor Leader
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 3, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on March 10, 2025.

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