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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2102 *, S-2011*

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S WEEK IN QUEZON CITY ON THE SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR.

Introduced by Councilor EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Roderick M. Paulate, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Raquel S. Malañgen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, children are born with fundamental freedom and inherent rights as accorded to all human beings;

WHEREAS, Section 3 (2), Article XV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall 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;

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WHEREAS, the Philippines is signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child and adheres to its thrust of promoting and protecting the rights and welfare of children;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these international and national initiatives, cases of child rights violations remain unbridled. Based on the recent statistics of Children's Rehabilitation Center (CRC) report from 2003 to 2009, more than 200,000 Filipino children suffered from various exploitation acts and human rights injustices. Minors are coerced to work as prostitutes and workers in other forms of labor especially in hazardous working environments. Furthermore, they are not adequately nourished and educated.

WHEREAS, this ordinance seeks to instill consciousness among our people to uphold the rights and welfare of our children through the institutionalization of the holding of Children's Day that would foster their well-being as part of a developing society.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Children's Week" in Quezon City.

SECTION 2. The second week of October of every year is hereby declared as the "Quezon City Children's Week" to promote consciousness in the protection of the rights of our children and the importance of fostering their well-being to secure the growth and development of society.

SECTION 3. In observance of the Quezon City Children's Week, an annual program of activities shall be prepared and implemented by the Social Services and Development Department, the Quezon City Council for the Protection of Children as the lead agencies. In support thereof, the Division of City Schools shall facilitate and encourage the commemoration of this week in all schools in Quezon City.

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SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

ENACTED: October 17, 2011.

JOSEPH P. JUICO
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: [illegible] DEC 2011

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 17, 2011 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on November 21, 2011.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

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