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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**
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*RESOLUTION NO. SP-10730, S-2026*

*A RESOLUTION URGING THE PILOT IMPLEMENTATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION KITS (SAIK) IN CITY-OWNED PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN QUEZON CITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED PROTOCOLS FOR FORENSIC EVIDENCE COLLECTION IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES*

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*WHEREAS, sexual assault remains a serious concern that requires not only immediate medical attention but also proper forensic evidence collection to support the pursuit of justice;*

*WHEREAS, the timely and proper collection, handling, and documentation of biological evidence are critical to ensuring that such evidence is admissible and credible in court proceedings;*

*WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the Philippines, through the Rule on DNA Evidence, recognizes the admissibility of DNA evidence in criminal investigations and prosecutions;*

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*WHEREAS, inconsistencies in evidence collection and lack of standardized procedures in some healthcare facilities may result in weakened cases and reduced likelihood of successful prosecution;*

*WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Investigation Kit (SAIK), developed by researchers from the University of the Philippines and further advanced by Filipino forensic scientists, provides a standardized system for collecting, documenting, and preserving forensic evidence in sexual assault cases;*

*WHEREAS, after more than two decades of research and development, it was only in 2026 that the SAIK reached full development, production, and initial public availability;*

*WHEREAS, Quezon City operates several City-owned public hospitals, including the Quezon City General Hospital, the Novaliches District Hospital, and Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital;*

*WHEREAS, the use of standardized kits ensures proper chain of custody, protects the integrity of evidence, and enhances the likelihood that such evidence will withstand judicial scrutiny;*

*WHEREAS, there is a critical window of approximately seventy-two (72) hours within which biological evidence may be effectively collected;*

*WHEREAS, there are numerous reported cases of sexual assault in Quezon City, and it is recognized that many more cases remain unreported;*

*WHEREAS, Quezon City is in a strong position to lead in adopting innovative, survivor-centered, and justice-oriented responses to sexual violence.*

*NOW, THEREFORE,*

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the pilot implementation of Sexual Assault Investigation Kits (SAIK) in City-owned public hospitals in Quezon City and the development of standardized protocols for forensic evidence collection in sexual assault cases.*

*RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Quezon City Health Department is encouraged to implement the pilot use of SAIK in City-owned public hospitals, including the Quezon City General Hospital, the Novaliches District Hospital, and the Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital.*

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*RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that standardized protocols be developed and adopted for the proper collection, documentation, preservation, and transfer of forensic evidence.*

*RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that healthcare professionals be provided with appropriate training on trauma-informed care and proper forensic evidence handling.*

*RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that barangays are encouraged to assist in the immediate referral of survivors.*

*RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that confidentiality, dignity, and respect for survivors be ensured.*

*RESOLVED FINALLY, that the results of the pilot implementation be monitored and reported to the Quezon City Council.*

*ADOPTED: September 14, 2026.*

*CERTIFICATION*

*This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 14, 2026 and was CONFIRMED on September 28, 2026.*

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*ATTESTED:*

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