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ORDINANCE NO. SP-2097, S-2011

AN ORDINANCE CREATING "THE QUEZON CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM PLAN", DEFINING THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S FUNCTIONS AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN DIRECT COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE BARANGAY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY.

Introduced by Councilors ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO, ALEXIS R. HERRERA, JESSICA CASTELO DAZA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, JOSE MARIO DON S. DE LEON, JULIAN ML. COSETENG, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES and PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO.

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WHEREAS, under Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, also known as the General Welfare Clause, it is provided that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the promotion of health and safety of its inhabitants;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the said provision, it is the policy of the government of Quezon City to promote the health and welfare of its constituents as well as to perform its Constitutional obligation to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, hence, through the City Health Department in cooperation with various government agencies and the respective Barangays of each legislative District of the City, it is imperative that a "Comprehensive Dengue Prevention and Control Plan" is formulated as a means to effectively battle the life threatening attack of "Dengue" within the City;

WHEREAS, it has been universally recognized that dengue remains a public health concern of major importance. It has become one of the most important mosquito-borne viral disease globally. It affects young and old, rich and poor alike especially those living in densely populated urban areas throughout the tropics;

WHEREAS, there is no available vaccine and specific drug effective against dengue infection, thus despite wide scale implementation of several strategies and interventions, dengue is a great threat to mankind;

WHEREAS, recognizing the hazards associated with dengue infections, the City Government intends, by the enactment of this ordinance, to protect present and future generations of the City from the devastating and pernicious health, and socio-economic consequences of the disease. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to reduce continually and substantially, if not completely eliminating, the prevalence of dengue in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISION

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This ordinance shall be known as the "The Quezon City's Comprehensive Dengue Prevention and Control Program Plan."

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SECTION 2. PURPOSE. - The Comprehensive Dengue Prevention and Control Program Plan will serve as a guideline for the City's campaign against the impact of Dengue and to prevent the loss of lives thereon.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

a. Antibody - primary form of immune response in resistance to disease and act by attaching themselves to a foreign antigen and weakening or destroying it.

b. Antigen - a substance, usually a protein on the surface of a cell or bacterium that stimulates the production of an antibody.

c. Artificial Containers - man made liquid holders like flower vases, tin cans, drums, tubs, etc. used for water storage or vessel which has the potential to accumulate water.

d. Anthropod - an invertebrate animal with jointed appendages and bilaterally symmetrical body structures.

e. Clustering - presence of three or more cases in a particular area within 300-meter radius for the past four weeks.

f. Contingency Plan - a written document of the different activities to be undertaken during an emergency or unforeseen event.

g. Dengue Fast Lane - an area within a health facility dedicated for immediate assessment and management of all febrile cases.

h. Dengue Operation Center - a health facility established in hot spot areas or areas with outbreaks designated to diagnose and manage dengue cases.

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i. *Dengue Task Force - a team organized to ensure the implementation of the dengue prevention and control activities at the level of the community.*

j. *Endemic - the constant presence of a disease or infection within a given geographic area; it may also refer to the usual prevalence of a given disease within such areas.*

k. *Engorgement - process of sucking blood to the limit of the body capacity of a mosquito.*

l. *Epidemic/ Outbreak - the occurrence in a community of cases of illness with a frequency clearly in excess of normal expectancy. A single case of a disease long absent from a population or the first invasion by the disease not previously recognized in that area requires immediate reporting and investigation; two cases of such a disease associated in time and place are sufficient evidence of transmission.*

m. *Epidemiology - a scientific study of the factors that influence the frequency clearly in excess of normal expectancy. A single case of a disease long absent from a population or the first invasion by the disease not previously recognized in that area requires immediate reporting and investigation; two cases of such disease associated in time and place are sufficient evidence of transmission.*

n. *Flight Range - the farthest distance an anthropod can travel by flying from its breeding or resting site.*

o. *Fogging - also known as space spraying is a method of insecticide application in small droplet released into the air to kill adult mosquitoes.*

p. *Hotspot - area with increasing number of cases for two consecutive weeks.*

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q. *Indoor - a place inside a building or a house.*

r. *Insecticide Susceptibility Test - a method that measures the effectiveness of an insecticide in destroying the mosquito vector in its various stages.*

s. *Laboratory Confirmatory Test - isolation of the dengue virus from serum plasma or leucocytes and the detection of reactive Dengue IgM antibodies in appropriate-timed samples (between days 5 to 90) and a four-fold rise in (reactive dengue) IgG antibody titer between acute and convalescent serum specimens.*

t. *Mode of Transmission - a method of transmitting an agent.*

u. *Morbidity - condition or state of being sick/diseases.*

v. *Mortality - the frequency of death in a certain population caused by a particular disease.*

w. *Natural Containers - any water holder vessel not artificially made by man, such as leaf axils, bamboo stumps, tree holes and the like.*

x. *Ovitrap - is a monitoring or surveillance device that is cheap, simple and sensitive to determine the presence of dengue mosquito vectors and usually set in at least 10% of the sample population or houses.*

y. *Outdoor - a place outside a building or a house*

z. *Pandemic - an epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people.*

aa. *Priority/High Risk Area - area with one or more of the following criteria:*

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1. One confirmed dengue case in a previously dengue free area
2. Recorded outbreak
3. With OLI of 10% or more or API of 5% or more
4. With clustering of cases
5. Hotspot area
6. School within a barangay with OLI of 10% or more

bb. Surveillance - an on-going collection of data, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of information for public health action.

cc. Transmission - the transfer of a disease to a person.

dd. Two-way Referral System - a process of referring cases to a health facility from another health facility using a properly accomplished referral form wherein the receiving facility acknowledge referred cases and notifies referring facility.

ARTICLE II
DENGUE TASK FORCE

SECTION 1. DENGUE TASK FORCE Composition.- The Dengue Task Force is composed of the following:

A. CITY DENGUE TASK FORCE

Chairman: City Mayor
Co-Chairman: City Health Officer
Members: Environmental Protection & Waste Mgt. Dept.
Barangay Operations Center
Engineering Department
Division of City Schools
City Planning and Development Office
DOH Representative
Liga ng mga Barangay
Sangguniang Kabataan Representative

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B. BARANGAY DENGUE TASKFORCE

Composition

Chairman: Punong Barangay
Co-Chairman: Medical Officer III
Members: Sanitary Inspector
Chairperson, Sangguniang Kabataan
Chairperson, Kagawad on Health
Chairperson, Kagawad on Environment
Existing Non-Government Organizations
Chairman, Committee on Health
Principal, Elementary Schools/ High Schools
Director, Private Schools

C. SCHOOL DENGUE TASK FORCE

Composition

Chairman: Principal (Elementary and High School)
Co-Chairman: Medical Officer III
President, PTCA
Members: President, Student Council
Representatives, Class Organization
Nurse/ Clinic or Science Teacher

SECTION 2. DENGUE TASK FORCE. Functions:

A. CITY DENGUE TASK FORCE

For sustaining Dengue Fever/Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever prevention and control programs, the following actions are essential:

1. Formulate Comprehensive Annual Plan and allocate Funds for Dengue Prevention and Control Program;

2. Establish a functional Local Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit;

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