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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 10693 *, S-2026*

A RESOLUTION URGING THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN HIV AWARENESS, PREVENTION, AND TESTING CAMPAIGNS IN SUPPORT OF QUEZON CITY'S "ZERO AT 2030" INITIATIVE

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WHEREAS, the Department of Health, through its HIV & AIDS Surveillance of the Philippines (October-December 2025) report, recorded 4,277 newly diagnosed HIV cases during the last quarter of 2025, with an average of 47 new cases per day nationwide, reflecting the continuing public health concern posed by HIV infection;

WHEREAS, the same report indicates that 94% of newly diagnosed HIV cases are male, with the most affected age groups being 25-34 years old and 15-24 years old, highlighting the vulnerability of young and economically productive sectors of society;

WHEREAS, sexual contact remains the leading mode of HIV transmission, accounting for approximately 96% of reported infections, underscoring the need for sustained public awareness, prevention, education, and expanded access to testing services;

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region consistently records the highest number of reported HIV cases among all regions of the Country, emphasizing the importance of intensified interventions in highly urbanized areas such as Quezon City;

WHEREAS, recognizing the urgency of addressing the HIV epidemic, Quezon City, under the leadership of the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, launched the "Zero at 2030" campaign in 2019, which aims to eliminate new HIV infections, HIV-related deaths, and stigma and discrimination by the year 2030;

WHEREAS, Quezon City has also enacted local policies such as the Comprehensive Quezon City STI, HIV, and AIDS Prevention and Control Ordinance (Ordinance No. SP-3126, S-2021) to strengthen prevention, testing, treatment, and community-based programs addressing HIV and AIDS;

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, continued awareness campaigns and wider access to voluntary HIV testing remain essential to ensure early detection, timely treatment, and prevention of further transmission in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Quezon City Health Department to further strengthen HIV awareness, prevention, and testing campaigns in support of Quezon City's "Zero at 2030" initiative.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Quezon City Health Department may strengthen partnerships with barangays, schools, civil society organizations, and community groups in promoting HIV education and encouraging voluntary and confidential testing among QCitizens.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Quezon City Health Department and other concerned offices for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: July 6, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 6, 2026 and was CONFIRMED on September 7, 2026.

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President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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City Government Department Head III
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