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AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING INDIGENT CHILDREN FROM THE PAYMENT OF FOUNDLING REGISTRATION FEE AMOUNTING TO FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00).

Introduced by Councilors ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, RAMON P. MEDALLA, JORGE B. BANAL, JR. and ANTONIO E. INTON, JR.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Eric Z. Medina, Alma F. Montilla, Janet M. Malaya and Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Child (CRC), states that "a child shall be registered immediately after birth and shall have the right to name (and) to acquire a nationality;

WHEREAS, birth registration is the key that opens the door to opportunities for children to secure other equally important rights and entitlements to survival, development, protection and meaningful participation on society;

WHEREAS, picked-up aka foundling child, neglected and/or abandoned child with no known facts surrounding on his birth or parentage committed in an orphanage or other welfare institutions is issued a certificate of foundling in lieu of the Birth Certificate by the Local Civil Registry Office with a registration fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) at present;

WHEREAS, these are indigent children/youth with unknown parents, thus, has no means to pay for the registration fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for a foundling certificate;

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