AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING KLINIKA BERNARDO AS A COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH CARE CLINIC UNDER THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Introduced by Councilors JESSICA CASTELO DAZA and DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE.

WHEREAS, there are 415 new cases of persons infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) registered for the month of May 2013. The record is an alarming all time high in the history of HIV and AIDS in the Philippines;
WHEREAS, it has been reported that every month Quezon City is registering a high number of new cases of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections with the National AIDS Registry through the National Epidemiology Center of the Department of Health (DOH-NEC);

WHEREAS, this alarming data prompted the Quezon City Health Department to take immediate action and undertake various projects and activities including the establishment of a male-focused clinic, named "KLINIKA BERNARDO", located at the back of Ruman Magsaysay High School, EDSA across NEPA Q-Mart, Cubao, Quezon City;

WHEREAS, the clinic operates beyond regular office hours and days to accommodate the varying available schedules of the male sector especially the young working male population and served as diagnostic, treatment and referral facility of patient with sexual related diseases;

WHEREAS, with the initial positive success of the clinic, the Quezon City Health Department recommended the establishment of a health clinic for diagnostic, treatment and referral facility of patient with sexual related diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. There is hereby established a Comprehensive Sexual Health Care Clinic under the Quezon City Health Department to be known as "Klinika Bernardo".

Section 2. The clinic shall serve as a diagnostic, treatment and referral facility of patient with sexual related diseases.

Section 3. The clinic shall operate from Monday to Friday from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm. It may also operate on weekends if the need arises and/or there are special projects to be implemented.
Section 4. The clinic shall be operated by existing medical and clinical personnel of the Quezon City Health Department. The clinic shall be included in the next annual budget of the Quezon City Health Department following the approval of this Ordinance.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 2, 2013

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED: 9 JAN 2013

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 2, 2013 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on December 16, 2013.

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