AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING YAKAP DAY CARE CENTER AND ALL PUBLIC DAY CARE CENTERS OPERATING WITHIN QUEZON CITY TO CHANGE THEIR UNIFORMS TO SCRUB SUITS OR LONG PANTS FOR DENGUE PREVENTION.

Introduced by Councilor JESSICA CASTELO DAZA.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the same Constitution declares that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No.7169, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991", Local Government Units are mandated to support the promotion of health and safety as well as preserve the comfort and convenience of their constituents;

WHEREAS, dengue fever is one of the leading causes of serious illness and death among children in the Philippines;
WHEREAS, the youth are more prone of the transmission of the Dengue virus, especially children who are the most susceptible to these diseases;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these policies, the State must take an active part in pursuit of these objectives to control and prevent the transmission of the dengue virus to our children.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING KAP DAY CARE CENTERS AND ALL PUBLIC DAY CARE CENTERS OPERATING WITHIN QUEZON CITY TO CHANGE THEIR UNIFORMS TO SCRUB SUITS OR LONG PANTS FOR DENGUE PREVENTION";

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS - For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

2.1 "Dengue Virus" means an acute, infectious tropical disease caused by a virus transmitted by mosquitoes, and characterized by high fever, headache, and severe muscle and joint pains;

2.2 "Day Care Center" means a nursery for the supervision of pre-school children while the parents work;

2.3 "Scrub Suit/ Long pants" means outer, protective clothing to be worn by children to prevent and protect them from the transmission of dengue virus;

SECTION 3. PUBLIC DAY CARE CENTERS RESPONSIBILITIES - Day Care centers shall have the following responsibilities under this ordinance:

3.1 They are obliged to coordinate with the parents or guardians of their pupils to change their uniform to scrub suits or long pants in order to lessen the risk of transmission of Dengue virus in the center.
3.2 Day Care Centers may also adopt methods to control or prevent the transmission of the Dengue virus as they may deem fit.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE - All Ordinances, Local Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations or any part thereof or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - In case any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect starting on school year 2015.

ENACTED: September 1, 2014.

MA. JOSÉFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
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ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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APPROVED: 14 OCT 2014

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 1, 2014 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 3, 2014.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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