



Republic of the Philippines
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RESOLUTION No. SP-**2773** S-2005

RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 16 OF REPRESENTATIVE EDCEL C. LAGMAN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT OF 2004", THAT CALLS FOR THE CREATION OF A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND POPULATION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL THAT WOULD FORMULATE AN INTEGRATED POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RELATIVE TO SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION MANAGEMENT.

Introduced by Councilors ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, JOSEPH P. JUICO, WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, AIKO MELENDEZ, ERIC Z. MEDINA, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, JORGE B. BANAL, JR., DIORELLA MARIA SOTTO-DE LEON, ALMA F. MONTILLA, JANET M. MALAYA and RESPITUTO B. MALANGEN.

WHEREAS, Philippines is beset by overriding problems, such as enormous debt payments, lack of revenues that could be used to improve the country's physical and human capital in order to spur economic growth, and an extremely huge population;

WHEREAS, the present population, whose size and growth rate is one of the highest in the world, has spread thin the country's already meager resources that are allotted for education, health, and other basic services, especially in urban areas such as Quezon City, which have long-term effects on the quality of our human resources;

WHEREAS, any policy to increase revenues for economic development purposes, be it at the national or local level, would be practically useless, or, at best, watered-down, unless the country's population problem is addressed;

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WHEREAS, the Local Government Code has devolved several functions and responsibilities of the national government to local government units, such as health services, social welfare services, and support for education and public safety services and facilities, and as such, a large and fast-growing population strains the resources of the City;

WHEREAS, reproduction health care, whose components include family planning, gender and women's rights, information dissemination and access to services, maternal and infant and child health and nutrition, counseling on sexual and reproductive health, prevention and management of sexually transmitted diseases, and male involvement and participation in reproductive health, is a joint responsibility of local and national governments;

WHEREAS, population management is a program that aims to encourage limiting family sizes to affordable levels and promote a more balanced distribution of the population by discouraging migration to urban centers such as Quezon City;

WHEREAS, the proposed House Bill of Rep. Edcel C. Lagman would provide a policy and a guide for population management and reproductive health that the City government can implement;

WHEREAS, a national policy on population management and reproductive health addresses part of the pressing needs and concerns of the country, particularly that of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, the proposed Reproductive Health Act of 2004 is clearly not pro-abortion and anti-life, as portrayed by some sectors, and is, in fact, pro-women, pro-family, and pro-choice.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby support, House Bill Number 16 of Rep. Edcel C. Lagman, also known as the "Reproductive Health Act of 2004", that calls

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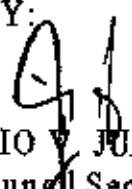
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for the creation of a reproductive health and population management council that would formulate an integrated policy on reproductive health relative to sustainable human development and population management.

ADOPTED: February 1, 2005.



JULIAN M. COSETENG
Minority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED BY:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on February 1, 2005, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on February 8, 2005.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

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