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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 5326, S-2011,

**A RESOLUTION URGING ALL THE BARANGAYS IN QUEZON CITY, THROUGH THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TO SUPPORT AND CONDUCT A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE USE OF NEWBORN SCREENING AMONG NEWLY BORN BABIES.**

*Introduced by Councilor JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA.*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Eden "Candy" A. Medina, Roderick M. Paulate, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Raquel S. Malañgen Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.*

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

*WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides under Section 16 (General Welfare Clause) that every local government unit shall exercise the power to promote the health and safety of the people within its territorial jurisdiction;*

*WHEREAS, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9288 or the Newborn Screening Program of 2004, newborn screening programs in the country are made available in health institutions such as hospitals, lying-ins, rural health units and health centers in cooperation with the Department of Health; newborn for certain harmful or potentially fatal disorders that may not be apparent at birth. It is used to detect metabolic disorders and problems with hormones or the blood that may hinder the normal physical and mental development of an infant. Early diagnosis of certain conditions will help the doctors treat properly the infant;*

*WHEREAS, in Quezon City, the percentage of screened newborn remains low particularly the newborn screening referrals by Lying-Ins. According to data from the City Health Department, the Novaliches Lying-in Clinic recorded only 211 out of 951 referred babies for newborn screening. In 2009, Batasan Lying-In Clinic recorded 597 (34%) out of 1738 referred were screened. The following year, a five-percent increase was observed where 669 (39%) out of 1712 referred were screened. The Sta. Lucia Lying-In Clinic listed 111 (16%) screened babies out of 678 referred in 2009, and 67 (19%) out of 888 the following year. The Betty Go-Belmonte Lying-In Clinic also recorded a low rate with only 28 (5%) babies screened out of 527 referred in 2009, and 77 (9%) out of 872 in 2010;*

*WHEREAS, to sustain the awareness of the people on the existence of newborn screening for early detection of disorders, it is necessary to promote the use of newborn screening by placing tarpaulins and signages in strategic areas and distributing flyers containing information on newborn screening.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge all the barangays in Quezon City, through the City Health Department, to support and conduct massive campaign in the importance of the use of newborn screening among newly born babies.**

*RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be given to all the barangays and to the City Health Department, for their information and appropriate action.*

*ADOPTED: September 26, 2011.*



JOSE MARIO DON S. DE LEON  
City Councilor  
Acting Presiding Officer

*ATTESTED:*

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

**CERTIFICATION**

*This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 26, 2011 and was CONFIRMED on October 3, 2011.*

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

