

## Republic of the Philippines OUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 20<sup>th</sup> City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP. 7469 , S-2018

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO GRANT FREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO QUEZON CITY RESIDENTS WHO WERE VACCINATED WITH DENGVAXIA AS LISTED ON THE MASTER LIST OF ANY SCHOOL OR ANY HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR OF INOCULATED INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF DOSES RECEIVED, FROM ALL PUBLIC MEDICAL CENTERS.

Introduced by Councilors PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, MELENCIO "Bobby" T. CASTELO and KARL EDGAR CASTELO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo,
Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente,
Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Voltaire
Godofredo T. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla,
Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina,
Roderick M. Paulate, Gian Curlo G. Sotto, Kate
Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon,
Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay,
Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malangen, Irene R.
Belmonte, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T.
Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P.
Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias,
Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution declares that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. "Also, Article XIII, on Social Justice and Human Rights on Health, declares that it is the responsibility of the State to "adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost";

WHEREAS, Sanofi Pasteur announced that its dengue vaccine, Dengvaxia, may lead to more severe cases of dengue fever in some people — a warning it relayed after the vaccine was already administered to children in the Philippines. Those at risk, according to Sanofi, are people who have not been previously infected by the dengue virus;

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WHEREAS, the latest data from the World Health Organization confirmed an "earlier hypothesis" that those inoculated with a dengue vaccine without prior infection of the disease could be at a higher risk of contracting a more severe form of the illness, as reported by Health Secretary Francisco Duque III last December 26, 2017;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, as reported by the Department of Health, there has been more than 830,000 children vaccinated with Dengvaxia starting April 2016;

WHEREAS, the City Government with the aid of the Department of Health should extend medical assistance in order to alleviate the plight of said inoculated victims.

## NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Department of Health to grant free medical assistance to Quezon City residents who were vaccinated with Dengvaxia as listed on the master list of any school or any health administrator of inoculated individuals, regardless of the number of doses received, from all public medical centers.

ADOPTED: April 30, 2018.

MA. JOSEPINA G. BELMONTE City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on April 30, 2018 and was CONFIRMED on May 28, 2018.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III