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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH HOME VISITING PROGRAM IN EVERY BARANGAY HEALTH CENTER WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF QUEZON CITY.

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WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, provides that, "The state shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development xxx. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled women, and children (emphasis provided);

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 14 of the same Constitution, provides, further, that, "The State shall protect women by x x x, taking into account their maternal functions x x x, and opportunities that will enhance their welfare and enable them to realize their full potential x x x";

WHEREAS, maternal health, nutrition and education are important for the survival and well being of women in their own right and key determinants of the health and well being of the child in early infancy;

WHEREAS, the causes of the high rates of infant mortality, especially neonatal mortality are linked to untimely pregnancies, low birth weight and pre-term births, unsafe delivery, neo natal tetanus, high fertility rates, etc;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for pre-natal and post-natal maternity health care services for women in order to protect their health, as well as the future health and well being of their newborn children;