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AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE QUEZON CITY POPULATION WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP, TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilors BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, ALMA F. MONTILLA, AIKO MELENDEZ, JANET M. MALAYA, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, DIORELLA MARIA SOTTO-DE LEON, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ERIC Z. MEDINA, JORGE L. BANAL, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR. and RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN.

WHEREAS, the Philipppines under the 1987 Constitution stresses that one of the commitments of the State is the strengthening of the family as a basic social institution and by virtue of this, the Philippines entered into and made commitments under the Declarations of the 1994 International Convention on Population and Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 where it recognizes the importance of addressing the sexuality and fertility issues of both men and women and the need to give emphasis to population welfare;

WHEREAS, the National Government through Executive Order No. 307 acknowledges the need for the "full support and active involvement of the local government units (LGUs) to implement the Philippine Family Planning Program nationwide" and enjoins LGUs through DILG Memorandum Circular No. 88-47 to "organize/establish functional local population development committees" and "to mobilize the private sector and other non-government organizations to actively participate in the local population welfare program" toward this end;

WHEREAS, Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo recently made a public announcement that her administration's population and family planning policy would be consistent with the four (4) basic principles, namely: (i) responsible parenthood, (ii) respect for life, (iii) birth spacing, and (iv) informed choice;