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**CITY COUNCIL**  
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RESOLUTION NO. SP. **1883**, S-2002

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HONORABLE FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR., CITY MAYOR, AND THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FREE ZINC SUPPLEMENTATION FOR CHILDREN AND INFANTS ESPECIALLY IN THE DEPRESSED COMMUNITIES IN QUEZON CITY AND TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY AND MASSIVE INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ON THE IMPORTANCE THEREOF.

Introduced by Councilor JANET M. MALAYA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Vincent P. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Bernadette Herrera-Dy, Rommel R. Abesamis, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Eric Z. Medina, Mary Ann L. Susano, Jorge L. Banaal, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Franz S. Pumaren, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Dante M. De Guzman, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Alma F. Montilla, Antonio E. Inton, Jr., Ricardo R. Del Rosario, Restituto B. Malañgen, Almario E. Francisco and Junie Marie Castelo.

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall endeavor to provide "free" medical care to paupers and shall prioritize the needs of the children and the other underprivileged in its adoption of an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, making essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (5) (xiv) of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, emphasizes that the City Government, through an approved resolution for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants, shall provide for the care of the children and the youth below eighteen (18) years of age and is mandated to establish and provide for the operation of centers and facilities for them, subject to availability of funds;

WHEREAS, zinc deficiency is common among undernourished children who belong mostly in the depressed communities of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, because of zinc deficiency, children in Quezon City suffer several health problems, like growth retardation, neuropsychological problem such as poor scholastic performance and behavioral problems and their susceptibility to infections such as diarrhea, pneumonia and tuberculosis, which are the three major causes of mortality and morbidity among Filipino children;

WHEREAS, in preventing zinc deficiency and its effects on health, providing a free zinc supplementation in the barangay health centers of the City will not only strengthen the immune system, stop growth retardation and improve the scholastic and behavioral performance of the youth in Quezon City, but, it will also make this essential good more accessible especially to the poor families in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, abreast with the objectives of the City Government, this Resolution will be very beneficial to the health of the citizens of Quezon City as a whole and will improve the delivery of health goods and services by the City Government to the people especially the underprivileged;

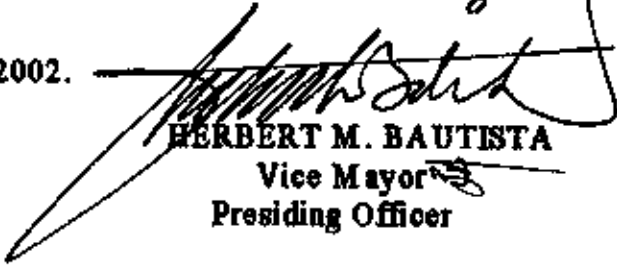
WHEREAS, a massive information dissemination on the importance of zinc supplementation shall be enforced in the whole of Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE

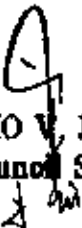
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, Honorable Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr., City Mayor, and the City Health Department to provide free zinc supplementation for children and infants especially in the depressed communities in Quezon City and to provide the necessary and massive information dissemination on the importance thereof.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that this resolution shall take effect upon its approval.

ADOPTED: October 22, 2002.


  
HERBERT M. BAUTISTA  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on October 22, 2002, was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules by the City Council on the same date.*

  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary