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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
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29th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 8195, S-2020

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR AND THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TO IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH A MOLECULAR AND DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY LABORATORY, CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING COVID-19 TESTING, IN QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOVALICHES DISTRICT HOSPITAL, ROSARIO MACLANG BAUTISTA GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND/OR IN ANY FEASIBLE AREA OR MODALITY, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR MASS TESTING IN THE CITY.

Introduced by Councilor BERNARD R. HERRERA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Lena Marie P. Juico, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Estrella C. Valmocina, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, S-2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country in recognition of the COVID-19 public health event as a threat to national security, and to prompt a whole-of-government approach in addressing the outbreak in the country;

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WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease in the Philippines (IATF), the President directed the adoption of stringent social distancing community quarantine measures and guidelines in the National Capital Region (NCR) effective March 15, 2020, to contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 929, S-2020 signed on March 16, 2020, declared a State of Calamity throughout the country due to COVID-19 for a period of six (6) months and enjoined all government agencies and the LGUs to render full assistance to and cooperation with each other, and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate disaster response aid and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of Covid-19;

WHEREAS, Section 2(c) of Executive Order No. 168 mandates the IATF to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with emerging infectious diseases, contact tracing, identification of the mode of exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) issued the DTI and DOLE Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19 to assist private institutions that are allowed to operate during the ECQ and GCQ in developing the minimum health protocols and standards in light of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020 during the 37th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, the IATF approved the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, in order to harmonize and codify existing policies of the IATF and member-agencies pertaining to community quarantine, which shall be applied to all regions, provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays placed under community quarantine. Section VII of the said guidelines on COVID-19 Testing states that employers may test workers for COVID-19;

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WHEREAS, the establishment of a Quezon City Government-run Molecular and Diagnostic Pathology Laboratory would not only fast-track the testing of around three (3) million Quezon City residents, local and migrant workers and especially the numerous frontliners, health workers, barangay officials, among others, but shall contribute to the national government's goal of increased testing among the population.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby strongly urge, the Quezon City Government, through the Office of the City Mayor and the Quezon City Health Department, to immediately establish a Molecular and Diagnostic Pathology Laboratory, capable of conducting COVID-19 testing, in Quezon City General Hospital, Novaliches District Hospital, Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital, and/or in any feasible area or modality, in order to address the need for mass testing in the city.

ADOPTED: May 26, 2020.



GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 26, 2020 and was CONFIRMED on June 1, 2020.



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

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