

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. SP-8197, S-2020

A RESOLUTION URGING THE QUEZON CITY POLICE DISTRICT (QCPD) AND THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (QCHD) TO CONDUCT AN INTENSIFIED SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS AND APPREHENSION AGAINST THE UNDERGROUND COVID-19 HOSPITALS OR MEDICAL CLINICS WHICH ARE POSSIBLY OPERATING IN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors ERIC Z. MEDINA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., 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, Ramon P. Medalla. Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, 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. Malangen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, amid the overwhelming occurrence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which afflicted millions of people all over the world, many unscrupulous people, in a desire to earn money, are taking advantage of the situation by way of establishing an unlicensed, unregistered and unaccredited medical facilities for the treatment of patients suffering from COVID-19 like symptoms;

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WHEREAS, these dangerously unregulated medical facilities are commonly operating under the guise of hospital or medical clinic and mostly manned by unauthorized physicians and health personnel and administering medicines which lack the approval of Food and Drug Authority (FDA);

WHEREAS, due to fear for COVID-19, most people with common symptoms like fever, dry cough, sore throat, tiredness, difficulty of breathing or chest pain are easily enticed by these underground hospital or medical clinic considering that other medical facilities are already loaded with same patients;

WHEREAS, the unauthorized practices of underground hospitals or medical clinics, as well as their doctors and personnel may prejudice the health of upcoming patients if they are treated wrongly;

WHEREAS, the clandestine operations of these underground COVID-19 hospitals and medical clinics involving Chinese Nationals were recently discovered in a sting of raids conducted by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) in the City of Makati, Pasay City, Las Piñas, Parañaque, Angeles, Pampanga, Fontana Leisure Park in Clark, Pampanga, and other localities, thereby creating the possibility that it also furtively operating in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need, with the help of the Quezon City Police District (QCPD) and the Quezon City Health Department (QCHD), to quell the illegal operations of underground COVID-19 hospitals and medical clinics to ensure the protection and safety of the residents of Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Quezon City Police District (QCPD) and the Quezon City Health Department (QCHD) to conduct an intensified surveillance operations and apprehension against the underground COVID-19 hospitals or medical clinics which are possibly operating in Quezon City.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the District Director of the QCPD and the Head of QCHD, for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: June 8, 2020.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS SVALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 8, 2020 under Suspended Rules and was CONFIRMED on the same date.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS STALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III

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