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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

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21st City Council

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50th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- **8394**, S-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) FOR THE TELEMEDICINE PROJECT TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE MEANS TO ACCESS EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE PRIMARY CARE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN and DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO-ANTONIO.

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, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, 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, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines," because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, the Quezon City Council declared Quezon City to be under a State of Calamity due to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Duterte declared an Enhanced Community Quarantine over the entire mainland Luzon to curb the spread of COVID-19, which imposed strict home quarantine, closed down non-essential businesses, and restricted mobility, among others;

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WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) has recommended the extension of community quarantine in certain areas to contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 threat continues to disrupt the country's health care system, and the community quarantine poses a challenge to all patients and individuals who wish to consult physicians regarding their health concerns;

WHEREAS, the present situation burdens patients needing medical assistance due to the limited public transport or health facilities and physicians, rendering them unable to seek medical help;

WHEREAS, the DOH intends to support the Quezon City Government with telemedicine solutions to address these gaps and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine, and to assist the City Government in mobilizing volunteer doctors to collect COVID-19 patient data for assisting in quarantine activities;

WHEREAS, Telemedicine refers to the practice of medicine by means of electronic communications technologies such as phone call, chat or short messaging service (SMS), audio and videoconferencing to deliver healthcare at a distance between a patient at an originating site, and a physician at a distant site for COVID-19 and basic primary care services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 455 (b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Mayor shall represent the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations and such other documents upon authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize, as it does hereby authorize, the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Health (DOH) for the telemedicine project to provide alternative means to access efficient and reliable primary care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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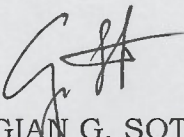
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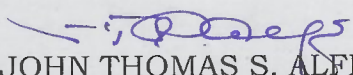
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RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of the subject Memorandum of Agreement shall form an integral part of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: December 7, 2020.

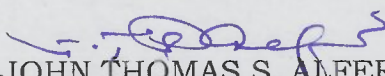

GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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 December 7, 2020 and was CONFIRMED on December 14, 2020.


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

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