



Republic of the Philippines
QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **8531**, S-2021

A RESOLUTION URGING THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE PRIORITY LIST OF THE VACCINATION PROGRAM OF THE CITY IN RECOGNITION OF THE PIVOTAL ROLES THEY PLAY AS FRONTLINERS PROVIDING SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL SUPPORT TO COVID-19 PATIENTS AND ASYMPTOMATIC PERSONS, AS WELL AS TO HELP COMBAT VACCINE HESITANCY OF THE PEOPLE.

Introduced by Councilor RAMON P. MEDALLA.

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, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, 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, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Religious Leaders join the frontlines of COVID-19 Healthcare Response in various capacities, they help overcome the stigma of the pandemic by caring, loving and connecting with their communities;

WHEREAS, Healthcare Chaplains are well-positioned themselves to provide spiritual care and grief counselling to frontline workers overwhelmed by the magnitude of the virus;

WHEREAS, Religious Leaders are sought after to conduct funeral services by relatives whose loved ones passes away mostly the cause of death is related with COVID-19 pandemic;

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WHEREAS, Religious Leaders utilized modern technologies to continue their pastoral care through online and digital platforms such as; Whatsapp, emails, social media, newsletters, online meetings, livestreaming, radios, televisions, Facebook and Youtube;


WHEREAS, according to World Vision, an interfaith organization, they have a network of 450,000 "Faith Leaders" partnering with them equipped to respond to child well-being challenges in their communities, 124,000 "Faith Leaders" partnering to disseminate help information in the COVID-19 response and 120,000 more "Faith Leaders" providing care and prevention campaigns;

WHEREAS, Religious figures are among the most trusted leaders, so seeing congregation leaders being vaccinated first can relieve the anxiety and fears;

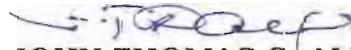
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Quezon City Government to include the Religious Leaders in the priority list of the vaccination program of the city in recognition of the pivotal roles they play as frontliners providing spiritual, social, emotional and mental support to COVID-19 patients and asymptomatic persons as well as to help combat vaccine hesitancy of the people.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2021.


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 17, 2021 under Suspended Rules and was CONFIRMED on the same date.


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

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