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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **8583**, S-2021

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO REQUEST THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE (IATF) TO RECONSIDER THE QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF THE IATF FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Introduced by Councilors ATTY. BONG C. LIBAN and SHAIRA L. LIBAN.

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, 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, Patrick Michael Vargas, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the sacrifices which thousands of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) are making for their families and relatives who are residing within the city;

WHEREAS, the contributions of these OFWs to the welfare of the constituents and to the stability of the local economy are beyond estimation;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Quezon City recognizes the efforts of the national government and its agencies in preventing and managing the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which is caused by the virus known as the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), and takes active part in programs towards these ends;

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WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) has issued Resolution No. 114, Series of 2021, mandating among others, "All arriving travelers shall undergo fourteen (14)-day quarantine upon arrival. The first ten (10) days of which shall be observed in a quarantine facility, with the remainder to be completed under home quarantine in their respective local government units of destination";

WHEREAS, the said directive covers all inbound travelers to the Philippines regardless of their vaccination status;

WHEREAS, the above-stated Resolution has been supplemented by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 119, Series of 2021, which provides, among others, "Arriving Passengers who are fully vaccinated in the Philippines shall be required to undergo a seven (7)-day facility-based quarantine upon arrival, with the day of arrival being the first day";

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Quezon City takes notice of the difficulties which returning OFWs and returning Filipinos endure on account of the ten (10) days or seven (7) days facility-based quarantine, under the relevant IATF Resolutions, which would entail material and psychological costs to them and their families;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Quezon City also takes notice that some of these returning OFWs and returning Filipinos who have been fully vaccinated in the country of origin and got negative result after the Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test, in spite of which, they have to complete the facility-based quarantine as per Resolution No. 114, Series of 2021 and Resolution No. 119, Series of 2021;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Quezon City believes that returning OFWs and returning Filipinos who have been fully vaccinated and tested negative from Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) have no, or at least a very low, risk of being infected or causing the spread of the COVID-19 infection and may properly comply with their required quarantine at home, and thus, obviating whatever material, physical, and psychological cost of continues facility-based quarantine.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte to make the proper representation to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) to reconsider the ten (10) days facility-based quarantine requirement for returning OFWs and returning Filipinos with full vaccination status and negative severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) test results, thereby requesting permission for immediate home-based quarantine for such OFWs.

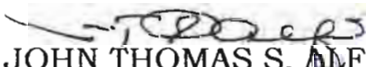
RESOLVED FURTHER, that the request be made for the conduct of the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) test early than ten (10) days mandated under the Resolution No. 114, Series of 2021, as supplemented by Resolution No. 119, Series of 2021, for OFWs and returning Filipinos with full vaccination status, as may be appropriate.

ADOPTED: June 14, 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 June 14, 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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