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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 5450, S-2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT RANDOM TESTING OF SALT BEING SOLD IN QUEZON CITY TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THE BUREAU OF FOODS AND DRUG (BFAD) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8172.

Introduced by Councilor JESSICA CASTELO DAZA.

Co-Sponsored by Councilors Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Eden "Candy" A. Medina, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Raquel S. Malatgen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, iodine is a micronutrient required by the body for mental and physical development. When the body does not have enough iodine it cannot function well. This will lead to mental retardation, lost IQ points and slower mental response. Other defects are stillbirths, abortion, physical defects, stunting and goiter;

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WHEREAS, Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) is the leading preventable cause of mental and physical retardation. The easiest way to prevent IDD is by iodization of salt, that is, by routinely adding iodine to commercially produce and consumed salt;

WHEREAS, in a community where Iodine deficiency is prevalent, people are mentally slow and less vigorous. Members of the community are harder to educate and to motivate, thus, they are less productive in their endeavors;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as "An Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN)", was enacted in order to promote the nutritional fortification of food and combat micronutrient malnutrition as a priority health program for the nation;

WHEREAS, despite the enactment of Republic Act No. 8172 and the fact that there is a high awareness or knowledge of iodized salt there is still low usage. The low usage of iodized salt can be attributed to non-availability and/or unaffordability of the salt;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (a) of Rule VI (Role of Agencies Concerned in the Salt Iodization Program) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 8172 provides that the LGUs shall support the development and sustainability of the salt industry through the formulation of ordinances and information campaigns promoting the availability and use of iodized salt.


NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize, as it does hereby authorize the Quezon City Health Department to conduct random testing of salt being sold in Quezon City in order to determine compliance with the standards formulated by the Bureau of Foods and Drugs (BFAD) of the Department of Health (DOH) in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 8172.


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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Quezon City Health Department shall put in place a system to monitor the quality of iodized salt being sold wholesale or retail in department stores, shops, groceries, mini-marts, and other outlets in Quezon City for the consumers and/or end-users.

ADOPTED: February 20, 2012.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't Asst. Dept Head III

APPROVED: _____

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 20, 2012 and was CONFIRMED February 27, 2012.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't Asst. Dept Head III 