

## Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 18<sup>th</sup> City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP. 5490 , S-2012

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN OUTSTANDING MOTHER-BABY FRIENDLY INSTITUTION AWARD IN THE ANNUAL GAWAD PARANGAL OF QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors JESSICA CASTELO DAZA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO, RICARDO T. BELMONTE, JR., JOSEPH P. JUICO, ALEXIS R. HERRERA, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, JULIAN ML. COSETENG, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, JAIME F. BORRES, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY and RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN.

WHEREAS, breastfeeding has advantages which will benefit the infant and the mother, including the hospital and institutions that adopt its practice. It is an initial preventive health measure that can be given to a child. Breast milk is the best food since it contains essential nutrients suitable for the infant's needs. It is also nature's first immunization, enabling the infant to resist potential serious infection. It contains growth factors that help in the maturation of an infant's vital organs;

WHEREAS, the Mother-Baby Friendly Initiatives was launched by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The initiative is a global effort in order to develop and improve the care of pregnant women, mothers and newborns at health facilities and institutions that provide maternity services for protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding;

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2010, Republic Act No. 10028, also known as an Act Expanding the Promotion of Breastfeeding, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7600, otherwise known as an "Act Providing Incentives To All Government and Private Health Institutions with Rooming-in and Breastfeeding Practices and For Other Purposes," was signed into law;

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WHEREAS, under the said law, the State adopts rooming-in as a national policy to encourage, protect and support the practice of breastfeeding. It shall create an environment where basic physical, emotional, and psychological needs of mothers and infants are fulfilled through the practice of rooming-in and breastfeeding;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Quezon City Government to promote and encourage breastfeeding and provide the specific measures that would present opportunities for mothers to continue expressing their milk and/or breastfeeding their infant or young child by giving due recognition to facilities that adopt internationally recognized best practice standards for breastfeeding.

## NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to provide, as it does hereby provide for the inclusion of an Outstanding Mother-Baby Friendly Institution Award in the Annual Gawad Parangal of Quezon City.

ADOPTED: March 5, 2012.

JOSEPH P. JUICO President Pro Tempore Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 5, 2012 and was CONFIRMED on March 12, 2012.

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