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RESOLUTION NO. SP-**9056**, S-2022

A RESOLUTION URGING THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, TO ESTABLISH A GERIATRIC WARDS IN QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOVALICHES DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND ROSARIO MACLANG BAUTISTA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Introduced by Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D. and IRENE R. BELMONTE.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9994, entitled "An Act Granting Additional Benefits And Privileges To Senior Citizens, Further Amending Republic Act No. 7432, As Amended, Otherwise Known As "An Act To Maximize The Contribution Of Senior Citizens To Nation Building, Grant Benefits And Special Privileges And For Other Purposes" also "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", states that:

"Section 5. Section 5 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 5. Government Assistance. - The government shall provide the following:

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- (c) *Health - The DOH, in coordination with the local government units (LGUs), NGOs and POs for senior citizens, shall institute a national health program and shall provide an integrated health service for senior citizens. It shall train community-based health workers among senior citizens and health personnel to specialize in the geriatric care and health problems of senior citizens.*

The national health program for senior citizens shall, among others, be harmonized with the National Prevention of Blindness Program of the DOH.

Throughout the country, there shall be established a "senior citizens' ward" in every government hospital. This geriatric ward shall be for the exclusive use of senior citizens who are in need of hospital confinement by reason of their health conditions. However, when urgency of public necessity purposes so require, such geriatric ward may be used for emergency purposes, after which, such "senior citizens' ward" shall be reverted to its nature as geriatric ward."

WHEREAS, the unprecedented increase in human longevity in 201 century has resulted in the phenomenon of population ageing all over the world. Countries with large population such as the Philippines have a large number of people now aged 60 years or more. The population over the age of 60 years has tripled in last 50 years and will relentlessly increase in the near future;

WHEREAS, the survey provides a comprehensive status report on older persons. According to it, the prevalence and incidence of diseases as well as hospitalization rates are much higher in older people than the total population. It also reported that about 8% of older Filipinos were confined to their home or bed. The proportion of such immobile or home bound people rose with age to 27% after the age of 80 years. Women were more frequently affected than males in the both rural areas and cities. The survey estimated the state of self-perceived health status of older people. A good or fair condition of health was reported by 55-63% of people with a sickness and 77-78% of people without one. In contrast about 13-17% of survey population without any sickness reported ill health. It is possible that many older people take ill health in their stride as a part of usual/normal ageing". This observation has a lot of significance as self-perceived health status is an important indicator of health service utilization and compliance to treatment interventions;

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WHEREAS, the Philippines still has family as the primary care giver to the elderly. Presently, the elderly is provided health care by the general health care delivery system in the country. At the primary care level, the infrastructure is grossly deficient. And otherwise the health system machinery is geared up to deal with the maternal and child health and communicable diseases. The elderly suffers from multiple and chronic diseases. They need long term and constant care;

WHEREAS, the elderlies also need specialist care from various disciplines e.g., ophthalmology, orthopedics, psychiatry, cardiovascular, dental, urology to name a few. Thus, a model of care providing comprehensive health services to the elderly at all levels of the health care delivery is imperative to meet the growing health needs of elderly. Moreover, the immobile and disabled elderly needs care close to their homes;

WHEREAS, as the elderly suffer from multiple chronic and disabling diseases, it becomes difficult for them to run from pillar and post to get appropriate health care. Moreover, the general health care system is not adequately sensitized to the health needs of elderly;

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at an affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers;

WHEREAS, Dr. Grace Jardeleza-Fernandez, a specialist in Geriatric Medicine and one of the pioneers in the field here in the Philippines declared that as the elderly population is likely to increase in the future, and there is a definite shift in the disease pattern i.e., from communicable to non-communicable, the State is duty-bound to address the needs of the elderly. It is high time that the health care system gears itself to the growing health needs of the elderly in an optimal and comprehensive manner;

WHEREAS, there is a definite need to emphasize the fact that disease and disability are not part of old age and help must be sought to address these health problems. The concept "ageing" needs to be promoted not only among the elderly but the younger age groups as well, which includes the promotional and preventive and rehabilitative aspects of health.

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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 Quezon City Government, through the Office of the City Mayor, to establish a Geriatric Wards in Quezon City General Hospital, Novaliches District Hospital and Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital.

ADOPTED: September 27, 2022.



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 September 27, 2022 and was CONFIRMED on October 3, 2022.


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