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AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MEN OPPOSED TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN EVERYWHERE (MOVE) ADVOCACY PROGRAMS IN QUEZON CITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines states that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIII of the same Constitution provides that the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities shall be given highest priority;

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta of Women" (MCW), the State affirms women's rights as human rights and shall intensify its efforts to fulfill its duties under international and domestic law to recognize, respect, protect, fulfill, and promote all human rights and fundamental freedoms of women, especially marginalized women, in the economic, social, political, cultural, and other fields without distinction or discrimination on account of class, age, sex, gender, language, ethnicity, religion, ideology, disability, education, and status. The State shall provide the necessary mechanisms to enforce women's rights and adopt and undertake all legal measures necessary to foster and promote the equal opportunity for women to participate in and contribute to the development of the political, economic, social, and cultural realms;

WHEREAS, the United Nations (UN), through its special bodies and mechanisms, adopted general recommendations and declarations on the elimination of violence against women;

WHEREAS, being a UN Member State, the Philippines is committed to support the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

WHEREAS, SDG 5 aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls by targeting to eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking, sexual abuse, and other types of exploitation;

WHEREAS, men and boys have been recognized globally as critical contributors to the empowerment of women and girls;

WHEREAS, on 15 March 2013, the UN Committee on the Status of Women (UNCSW), as the principal global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women, adopted agreed conclusions on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls;

WHEREAS, as part of the agreed conclusions adopted, the UNCSW urges governments, at all levels, to address structural and underlying causes and risk factors so as to prevent violence against women and girls and to encourage men and boys to take an active part and become strategic partners and allies in the prevention and elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls;

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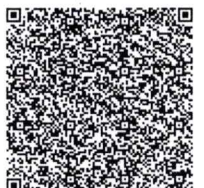
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WHEREAS, to encourage the involvement of men in the efforts to stop Violence Against Women (VAW) in the Philippines, the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) launched the "White Ribbon" and "Men Speak Out Against Violence" Campaign in December 2003 to push for the enactment of anti-VAW laws, with gender sensitivity sessions led by prominent male personalities such as the Senate President and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, in 2006, the PCW likewise initiated the creation of Men Opposed to Violence against Women Everywhere (MOVE), an organization of men who committed themselves to be involved in combating violence against women. MOVE has since organized 67 chapters in government agencies and local government units, and has been implementing advocacy programs through its various chapters;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and their Children (IACVAWC) issued Resolution No. 01, series of 2019, enjoining all government agencies and local government units to support the program on male involvement in eliminating violence against women and their children and in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government condemns discrimination against women in all its forms and pursues by all appropriate means and without delay the policy of eliminating discrimination against women;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government initially launched MOVE in 2012 and was re-launched in 2024 as one of the offshoots of the widespread advocacy during the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence against Women;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government believes that men can be active advocates and strategic partners of our City to achieve gender equality towards its goal of inclusivity;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing MOVE in Quezon City will serve to strengthen the City's efforts in addressing Violence Against Women and Their Children (VAWC) by engaging men as allies, advocacies, and champions of gender justice.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN
REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Quezon City Men Opposed to Violence Against Women Everywhere (MOVE) Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to uphold the rights and welfare of women and children by preventing and addressing all forms of gender-based violence, promoting gender equality and a culture of non-violence, encouraging male participation in eliminating all forms of violence against women and their children, and institutionalizing and supporting the MOVE Advocacy as a local mechanism for promoting gender-responsive governance.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. VAWC – Violence Against Women and Their Children, as defined under Republic Act No. 9262;
- b. MOVE – Men Opposed to Violence Against Women and Their Children, a nationwide organization of men advocating against VAWC;
- c. GAD – Gender and Development; and
- d. LGU – Quezon City Government.

SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES OF INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MOVE ADVOCACY PROGRAMS. – In support of the national pursuit of a VAW-free Philippines, the objectives of the MOVE advocacy programs in Quezon City are as follows:

- a. Encourage the proactive engagement of men in the promotion of gender equality, the elimination of gender-based violence, and the protection of the rights of women and their children;
- b. Establish MOVE as a grassroots mechanism that empowers male advocates to serve as role models, educators, and change agents in their respective communities, workplaces, and institutions;



- c. Integrate MOVE principles and participation into the policies, programs, and operations of government offices, barangays, schools, civil society organizations, and the private sector within Quezon City;
- d. Reinforce the implementation of Republic Act No. 9262, otherwise known as the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act, the Magna Carta of Women, and other relevant laws through male-led advocacy, education, and support programs;
- e. Address and dismantle patriarchal beliefs, toxic masculinity, and gender-stereotypes that perpetuate violence and discrimination against women and children;
- f. Institutionalize MOVE chapters in government offices, barangays, schools, and communities, ensuring adequate budget, personnel, logistical support, and continuous monitoring and evaluation mechanisms;
- g. Promote inter-agency, inter-sectoral, and multi-stakeholder collaboration in advancing MOVE's mission, including coordination with the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System, NGOs, and faith-based groups;
- h. Conduct City-wide campaigns, observances, and events that highlight men's positive roles in promoting safe, respectful, and non-violent relationships and communities; and
- i. Contribute to the creation of a violence-free Quezon City by fostering inclusive, rights-based, and gender-sensitive spaces where women and children can thrive without fear or discrimination.

SECTION 5. MOVE ADVOCACY PROGRAMS. – By virtue of this Ordinance, the following MOVE advocacy programs are hereby institutionalized as a strategy to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women (VAW), promote gender equality, and engage men and boys as allies in upholding women's rights.

For this purpose, the City, through the Quezon City Gender and Development (GAD) Council, in coordination with the Quezon City Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), Barangay VAW Desks, and other concerned offices, shall:

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- a. Develop and implement community-based advocacy, education, and behavior-change programs for men and boys that promote non-violence, respectful relationships, shared responsibility in the family, and gender-equitable norms;
- b. Conduct seminars, workshops, dialogues, and campaigns, including but not limited to, orientations on Republic Act No. 9262 and other related laws, positive masculinity, responsible fatherhood, and prevention of all forms of gender-based violence;
- c. Organize, train, and mobilize MOVE volunteers and advocates at the barangay, school, workplace, and community levels to support VAW prevention efforts and to complement existing GAD and VAW response mechanisms;
- d. Integrate MOVE advocacy initiatives into City-wide GAD programs, public information campaigns, and annual events related to women's rights, gender equality, and human rights;
- e. Establish partnerships with civil society organizations, educational institutions, faith-based groups, and the private sector to strengthen the reach and sustainability of MOVE advocacy programs; and
- f. Allocate funds for the implementation of MOVE advocacy programs, chargeable against the City's GAD budget and other available sources, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The Quezon City Government shall ensure that all MOVE advocacy programs are rights-based, culturally responsive, inclusive, and consistent with national laws, policies, and standards on gender equality and the protection of women and children.

SECTION 6. SUPPORT TO MOVE ADVOCACY PROGRAMS. – The Quezon City Government shall support MOVE advocacy through the following:

- a. Coordinate, harmonize, or synchronize the different programs of the Quezon City GAD Council with the MOVE strategic plan;
- b. Allow the charging of activities on male involvement to the Gender and Development budget insofar as they are in line with the objectives to end VAW;



- c. Issue policies/guidelines or directives to support the programs, projects, and activities on male involvement in addressing VAW and promoting gender equality, i.e., including this in the local gender and development codes, executive orders, office orders, memorandum circulars, resolutions, etc.;
- d. Encourage male organizations whose values and principles align with the Quezon City GAD Agenda to be part of MOVE advocacy programs and facilitate their participation in GAD planning and budgeting processes;
- e. Advocate for and support the formation of MOVE chapters in the barangays or similar male organization espousing the same values and principles as MOVE;
- f. Allow the activities of MOVE chapters and other male organizations in any department, office, or agency of the Quezon City Government, if any, in addressing VAW and gender equality to be done on official business, and include these among the Quezon City Government commitments to GAD and the employees' deliverables and performance commitments; and
- g. Devise programs on male involvement in addressing VAW under Republic Act No. 9262 and other related laws.

SECTION 7. LEAD IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. – The Quezon City Gender and Development (GAD) Council Office, in coordination with the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), or any members of the QC Gender and Development Council, upon the City Mayor's directive, shall serve as the lead implementing office for this Ordinance. It shall:

- a. facilitate the formation of MOVE both at the City and Barangay levels;
- b. provide technical support and training;
- c. ensure alignment of MOVE advocacy with GAD Agenda and Anti-VAWC programs; and
- d. develop a monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the performance and impact of MOVE initiatives in the City. Annual accomplishment reports shall be submitted to the Office of the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod.



SECTION 8. FUNDING. – The funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from the annual five percent (5%) Gender and Development (GAD) budget allocation.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, memorandum circulars, and administrative regulations, or part thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – Should any part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid, the rest of the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

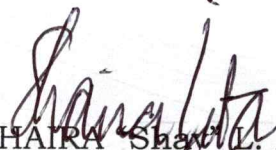
SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: March 23, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on March 23, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on April 22, 2026.


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