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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
23rd QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

ORDER OF BUSINESS

25th Committee Hearing
Committee on Laws, Rules, and Internal Government
March 4, 2026 | 1:00 PM
Carlos Albert Hall, 3rd Floor, Legislative Wing, Quezon City Hall

I. Opening Prayer
II. Call to Order
III. Roll Call
IV. Business of the Day

a. Proposed Ordinance

Joint Committee Hearing with the Committee on Appropriations

1. **PO23CC-025** ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING EXEMPLARY INITIATIVES FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN QUEZON CITY THROUGH THE "QUEZON CITY GREEN AWARDS," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES ***Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA***
2. **PO23CC-108** ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 11037, POPULARLY KNOWN AS "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT" IN QUEZON CITY AND FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES ***Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA and KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS***
3. **PO23CC-109** ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE INTEGRATED STRATEGY FOR MATERNAL, NEONATAL, CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION IN THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND (1,000) DAYS OF LIFE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES ***Councilors BERNARD R. HERRERA and KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS***
4. **PO23CC-129** AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROVISION OF BIRTHDAY PACKAGE (GROCERY BAGS) TO ALL REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZENS IN QUEZON CITY, DURING THEIR BIRTH MONTH, SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL AND EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES ***Councilor JOSEPH JOE VISAYA***

b. Proposed Resolutions

1. **PR23CC-199** RESOLUTION URGING ALL QUEZON CITY BARANGAYS TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CAR-FREE DAY WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION ***Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA***
2. **PR23CC-209** RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON SIDEWALKS OR BIKE PATHS WITHIN GOVERNMENT-OWNED INSTITUTIONS OR ESTABLISHMENTS, THEREBY HARNESSING CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ADVANCING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ***Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA***

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3. **PR23CC-417** A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE FORMER CITY COUNCILOR, ATTY. MOISES S. SAMSON (NOVEMBER 25, 1953 – FEBRUARY 21, 2026), AND HONORING HIS LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE FIRST DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY ***Councilors CHARM FERRER, CPA, MPA, JD, TANY JOE "TJ" L. CALALAY, BERNARD R. HERRERA and JOSEPH P. JUICO***

4. **PR23CC-421** A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HONORABLE COUNCILOR ATTY. JESUS MIGUEL SUNTAY FOR HIS ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION AS NATIONAL LEGAL OFFICER FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF YOUNG LEGISLATORS (NMYL), MARKING A HISTORIC FIRST FOR THE QUEZON CITY AND THE ORGANIZATION ***Councilors ATTY. CHRISTOFFER ALLAN ''Tope'' LIQUIGAN, JHON ANGELLI ''Sami" C. NERI and ALY MEDALLA***

5. **PR23CC-422** A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS OF THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, THE CITY VICE MAYOR, HONORABLE GIAN G. SOTTO, AND THE 23 RD CITY COUNCIL TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE UAAP SEASON 88 MEN'S FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2026 ***Councilors VITO SOTTO GENEROSO, ALY MEDALLA and JHON ANGELLI ''Sami" C. NERI***

c. Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Budget

Joint Committee Hearing with the Committees on Appropriations and Barangay Affairs

i. Barangay Annual Budget FY 2026

1.	Maharlika	District I	₱ 19,194,343.78
2.	Masambong	District I	₱ 22,913,948.04
3.	Holy Spirit	District II	₱ 167,538,402.66
4.	Blue Ridge A	District III	₱ 12,346,983.25
5.	Escopa I	District III	₱ 10,509,503.11
6.	Libis	District III	₱ 14,056,300.42
7.	Mariana	District IV	₱ 37,820,432.69
8.	Pinagkaisahan	District IV	₱ 19,456,238.57

ii. Sangguniang Kabataan Annual Budget FY 2026

1.	Maharlika	District I	₱ 1,919,434.38
2.	Quirino 2-B	District III	₱ 1,351,969.47
3.	Silangan	District III	₱ 1,788,917.81
4.	Socorro	District III	₱ 9,436,431.09
5.	Damayang Lagi	District IV	₱ 3,830,336.51
6.	Immaculate Concepcion	District IV	₱ 2,390,765.64

V. Closing Prayer

VI. Adjournment

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ORDINANCE NO. SP- _____, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING EXEMPLARY INITIATIVES FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION IN QUEZON CITY THROUGH THE "QUEZON CITY GREEN AND RESILIENT AWARDS", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by: Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 2(d) of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010," mandates that the State shall "[a]dopt a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, impacts of disasters including climate change, and promote the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned, at all levels, especially the local community;"

WHEREAS, Section 2(m) of the said law enjoins the engagement of civil society organizations (CSOs), the private sector, and volunteers in the government's disaster risk reduction programs towards complementation of resources and effective delivery of services to the citizenry;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9729, as amended by Republic Act No. 10174, otherwise known as the "Climate Change Act," mandates that the State enjoin the participation of national and local governments, businesses, nongovernment organizations, local communities and the public to prevent and reduce the adverse impacts of climate change and, at the same time, maximize the potential benefits of climate change;

WHEREAS, Quezon City is among the most innovative local government unit (LGU) in terms of systematically integrating the concept of climate change in various phases of policy formulation, development plans, strategies, and other development tools, having, for instance, established the Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department (CCESD) through Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3009, S-2020;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government has been recognized for its excellence in disaster risk reduction and management programs and activities, having received top citations in the Office of Civil Defense - National Risk Reduction and Management Council's Gawad KALASAG, an annual award for significant initiatives in the promotion of disaster risk reduction and management in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, many individuals and institutions in Quezon City, both from the private and public sectors, have been an instrumental component of the city's best practices in disaster risk reduction and management, actions and solutions for climate change, and humanitarian assistance; and

WHEREAS, to encourage all organizations and institutions within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City to aspire for excellence in disaster risk reduction and management and climate change actions, and aggressively scale up interventions and innovations aimed at building citizens' resiliency to disasters, the QCDRRMO and CCESD initiated the first "QC Green and Resilient Awards," whose institutionalization reflects the primacy of climate change adaptation to the City Government.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES. - It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to publicly mainstream disaster risk reduction and management and climate change action to afford the full protection and the advancement of the right of QCitizens to a healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the Quezon City Government shall promote and give due acknowledgement to QCitizens and Quezon City-based institutions in both the public and private sectors that have contributed to advancing the city's goals towards environmental sustainability, disaster risk reduction and management and climate change action (DRRM-CCA), and humanitarian assistance.

SECTION 3. ANNUAL SEARCH AND AWARDS. - There shall be an annual awards activity that will (a) recognize and reward outstanding performances of city-based organizations and agencies that continue to render exemplary contribution in promoting and implementing significant programs in relation to DRRM-CCA and humanitarian assistance programs that protect and shield high risk communities within the City against extreme hazards; (b) promote innovations that build resiliency and capacities within the City for the benefit of the communities against climate change and extreme hazards; and (c) encourage private and public organizations and/or institutions to build an integrated DRRM and CCA system within Quezon City.

SECTION 4. GREEN AND RESILIENT AWARDS COMMITTEE. – A Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards Committee is hereby created and composed of the following members, who shall serve as such in an ex officio capacity without additional compensation:

Chairperson:	Head, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office;
Co Chairperson:	Head, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department;
Member:	Head, Public Affairs and Information Services Department

The following heads of offices are appointed as members, which shall be consulted upon when necessary: (1) Head, City Health Department; (2) Barangay and Community Relations Department; (3) Head Youth and Development Office; (4) Head, Business Permits and Licensing Department; and (5) Head, Small Business and Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office (6) Superintendent, Division of City Schools (7) Head, Educational Affairs Unit.

The Chairperson/s, shall have the right or authority to include or exclude members of the Committee, and may designate additional members as necessary.

SECTION 5. FUNCTION – The Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards Committee shall also be the members of the Technical Working Group who will perform the following functions;

1. Formulate guidelines, rules and regulations for the Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards including but not limited to mechanics and conditionalities for claiming prizes.
2. Assist the Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards Committee in such capacity to ensure that the purposes and objectives of this Ordinance are accomplished;
3. Recommend to the Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards Committee the best practices that can be adopted by the Quezon City Government;
4. Accept and evaluate contestants vying for the Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards;
5. Review and assess all applying contestants as eligible and have strictly complied with the guidelines and criteria;
6. Conduct desk evaluation, field validation, and final deliberation for qualified applicants;
7. Nominate the awardees for the Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards under the Committee's approved categories; and
8. Perform other functions consistent with and necessary to the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EXEMPTION. - Contestants who have been nominated and awarded at the Gawad KALASAG Special Awards for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Humanitarian Assistance shall be exempted from joining the Quezon City Green and Resilient Awards.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. – The funds to cover the implementation, incentives, and/or prizes of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Budget of the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Should any provision of this Ordinance declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provision not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Quezon City Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memorandum Circulars, and administrative regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. - The Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Adopted_____2026.

Submitted by:

ALFRED VARGAS, MPA
Councilor, 5th District

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. **PO23CC-_____**

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 11037 POPULARLY KNOWN AS "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT" IN QUEZON CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILOR BERNARD R. HERRERA, and COUNCILOR KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution Article II Section 15 states that, "the state shall protect and promote the rights to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them"

WHEREAS, RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 Chapter II Section 17 (b) (4) provides the basic services and facilities which includes programs and projects on child and youth welfare, family and community welfare, women's welfare, welfare of the elderly and disabled persons: community-based rehabilitation programs for vagrants, beggars, street children, scavengers, juvenile delinquents, and victim of drugs abuse, livelihood and other pro-poor projects, nutrition services, and family planning services, -

WHEREAS. Republic Act No. 11037 entitled "An Act Institutionalizing a National Feeding Program for Undernourished Children in Public Day Care, Kindergarten and Elementary Schools to Combat Hunger and Undernutrition Among Filipino Children and Appropriating Funds Therefor" acknowledges the scientific evidence linking food, nutrition, and students' ability to grow and learn, and as such, the State commits to establishing a comprehensive national feeding program to address the issue of undernutrition among Filipino children;

WHEREAS, children who are suffering from malnutrition which if left untreated may stunt their growth and reduce their resistance to illnesses, resulting in avoidable human deaths due to high infant and child mortality rates;

WHEREAS, Quezon City must localize and strengthen Republic Act 11037 provisions in order to step up its fight against malnutrition

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. **TITLE.** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "***Quezon City Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Ordinance***"

SECTION 2. **DEFINITION OF TERMS.** - The following terms are defined in R.A. 11037, as follow:

(a) ***Cycle Menu*** refers to standardized menus prepared by the national government agencies (NGAs), in coordination with the Natonal Nutrition Council (NNC) and Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), which shall be contextualized and drawn up, among others, according to age range, location and/or type of school, local cultural and/or religions eating preferences: Provided, That such menus availability in the place or locality where the day care center or school is located.

(b) ***Fortified Meal*** refers to a meal with deliberately increased content of essential micronutrients so as to improve the nutritional quality of the food and provide the level of calories and protein as prescribed by the NNC which shall consist of at least one-third (1/3) of the daily requirement based on the Philippine Dietary Reference Intake (PDRI):

(c) ***Health Examination*** refers to the examination conducted by NGAs, in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) and local government units (LGUs) concerned on the overall condition of the program beneficiary's height, weight and ailments defects or deformities that may need special care or treatment;

(d) ***National Government Agencies*** (NGAs) refers to the Department of Education (DepED) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) which shall be the lead agencies in the implementation of this Program for public kindergarten and elementary schools and public day care centers, respectively; and

(e) ***Undernourished Child*** refers to a child who has been supplied with less than the minimum amount of foods essential for sound health and growth. For purpose of this Act, it shall include children who are suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition as wed as those who are considered as wastes severely wasted or stunted under the World Health Organization Child Growth Standards.'

SECTION 3. **QUEZON CITY COMPREHENSIVE CHILD CARE PACKAGE.** – The Quezon City Comprehensive Child Care Package - shall be established in line with the National Feeding Program as provided for by R.A 11037 to address undernutrition among Filipino children which shall have the following components and coverage:

(a) **Supplemental Feeding Program for Day Care Children** - The Quezon City Social Services Development Department (QC SSDD) shall implement a supplemental feeding program for undernourished children with ages three (3) to five years. The program shall be administered in day care centers or in any other facility which can be used for such purpose. Provided, that the program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days in a year; Provided, further, that in the preparation of fortified meals, the QC SSDD shall work in collaboration with recognized parents' organizations and regularly report to the Quezon City Nutrition Committee

(b) **School-Based Feeding Program** - The Department of Education – Quezon City Schools Division Office shall implement a school-based feeding program for undernourished public school children from kindergarten to grade six (6): Provided, that the Program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal to all undenourished public elementary school children for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days in a year. The QC SDO should regularly report to the Quezon City Nutrition Committee of the results of the program.

(c) **Micronutrient Supplements** - The Quezon City Health Department shall provide micronutrient supplements to the program beneficiaries including

the use of iodized salt in accordance with Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as Salt Iodization or ASIN law;

(d) **Health Examination, Vaccination and Deworming** - The Quezon City Health Department, in coordination with the Quezon City Schools Division Office, shall conduct simultaneous health examinations including, but not limited to deworming, vaccination, as the case may be, to Program beneficiaries,

(e) **Gulayan sa Paaralan** - The City Government shall encourage barangays and schools to devote a portion of their land or space for the cultivation vegetables and other nutrient-rich plants. Parents shall also be encouraged to maintain a similar program in their own backyards.

(f) **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)** - The City Government, particularly the Quezon City Health Department and SSDD shall establish and maintain water and sanitation facilities, promote good hygiene and safe food preparation in all day care centers and schools located within Quezon City especially in areas devoted for the preparation of fortified meals under the Program, and

(g) **Integrated Nutrition Education, Behavioral Transformation, and Social Mobilization** - The Program shall be complemented by a public health, nutrition, and values transformation campaign to promote a holistic and integrated approach to health and nutrition education. Orientation-training on the objectives and mechanics of the Program shall be held among the personnel of City Government, parent volunteers and the parent-teachers associations (PTAs) to generate support for the program.

SECTION 4. **PROVISION FOR THE CITY AND THE BARANGAY TO ALLOCATE BUDGET ON COMPREHENSIVE CHILD CARE PACKAGE.** - In accordance with Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11037 and the relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, as amended, the Quezon City Government shall allocate a portion of the Special Education Fund (SEF) and/or other available city appropriations to augment and sustain the implementation of the Comprehensive Child Care Package. The City Government shall ensure that adequate resources are made available for the delivery of nutrition, health, education, and related services under this Ordinance.

The Barangays, through their respective Sangguniang Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan, are likewise encouraged to allocate a portion of their twenty percent (20%) Development Fund and other available local resources to support and complement the implementation of the Program within their jurisdictions. Barangays may also utilize their funds to establish community-based feeding initiatives and assist in monitoring program beneficiaries.

To strengthen program impact and coverage, the City Government and the Barangays shall coordinate and collaborate in mobilizing funds, sharing resources, and jointly implementing projects, programs, and activities aimed at addressing child nutrition and welfare under the Comprehensive Child Care Package.

SECTION 5. **PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION.** - The City Government shall encourage the participation of the private sector in the Program which shall include, among others, PTAs, private corporations, peoples and nongovernment organizations and such other groups or organizations, both foreign and local, that may want to be partner in whole or in par with the implementation of the program.

SECTION 6. **MONITORING AND ANNUAL REPORT.** - The Quezon City Nutrition Section as the secretariat of the Quezon City Nutrition Committee will coordinate and be the repository of monitoring reports of the members of the committee on the implementation of the Comprehensive Child Care Package to assess the impact and effectivity of the program as well as ensure compliance with standards and guidelines of the program for food safety, quality, accountability, community participation.

SECTION 7. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

SECTION 9. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED _____.

Submitted by:

BERNARD R. HERRERA
City Councilor, District I

KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS
City Councilor, District VI

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. **PO23CC-_____**

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE INTEGRATED STRATEGY FOR MATERNAL, NEONATAL, CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION IN THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND (1,000) DAYS OF LIFE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILOR BERNARD R. HERRERA, and COUNCILOR KRISTINE ALEXIA R. MATIAS

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution Article II Section 15 states that, "the state shall protect and promote the rights to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11148 otherwise known as "*Kalusugan* at *Nutrisyon ng Mag- Nanay* Act", declares the right to health is a fundamental principle guaranteed by the State and Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution emphasizes that " The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, pursuant to various international human rights instruments and agreements that the State adheres to, the State guarantees the right to adequate food, care and nutrition to pregnant and lactating mothers, including adolescent girls, women of reproductive age, and especially children from zero (0) to two (2) years old;

WHEREAS, the State commits to the Philippine Development Plan and the national plans on nutrition to contribute to the improvement of the quality of human resource in the country, and the reduction of maternal and child mortality and stunting;

WHEREAS, the State declares its determination to eliminate hunger and reduce all forms of malnutrition and further maintains that ensuring healthy lives, promoting well-being, ending hunger and food insecurity, and achieving good nutrition for all at all ages are essential to the attainment of sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the State prioritizes nutrition for adolescent females, pregnant and lactating women, infants and young children, to be implemented in an integrated manner by all branches of government, using a whole-of government approach in collaboration with civil society organizations and the private sector;

WHEREAS, the State scales up nutrition intervention programs in the first one thousand (1,000) days of a child's life, and allocates resources in a sustainable manner to improve the nutritional status and to address the malnutrition of infants and young children from zero (0) to two (2) years old, adolescent females, pregnant and

lactating women, as well as to ensure growth and development of infants and young children;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. **SHORT TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as "***FIRST 1000 DAYS - KALUSUGAN AT NUTRISYON NG MAG-NANAY ORDINANCE***".

SECTION 2. ***OBJECTIVES.*** - This Ordinance specifically aims to:

a. Provide comprehensive, sustainable, multi-sectoral strategies and approaches to address health and nutrition problems of newborns, infants and young children, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent females, as well as multi-factorial issues that negatively affect the development of newborns, infants and young children, integrating the short, medium and long-term plans of the government to end hunger, improve health and nutrition, and reduce malnutrition;
b. Provide a policy environment conducive to nutrition improvement.
c. Provide evidence-based nutrition interventions and actions which integrate responsive caregiving and early stimulation in a safe and protective environment over the first one thousand (1,000) days as recommended by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive mechanisms, strategies, programs and approaches in implementing programs and projects to improve nutritional status, and to eradicate malnutrition and hunger;
d. Strengthen and define the roles of the Quezon City Health Department, and other government agencies tasked to implement nutrition programs in the first one thousand (1,000) days;
e. Institutionalize and scale up nutrition in the first one thousand (1,000) days in the national plan on nutrition, the early childhood care and development intervention packages developed by the NNC, the Philippine Development Plan, the National Plan of Action for Children, the regional development plans, and local government units (LGUs) investment plans for health and nutrition;
f. Ensure the meaningful, active and sustained participation, partnership and cooperation of Quezon City Nutrition Committee (QCNC) member agencies, other National Government Agencies (NGAs), LGU, civil society organizations (CSOs), and the private sector, in an integrated and holistic manner, for the promotion of the health and nutritional well-being of the population
g. Strengthen enforcement of Executive Order No. 51, otherwise known as the "National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, Breastmilk Supplements and Other Related Products" or the "Milk, Code", and Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the "Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009", to protect, promote, and support optimal infant and young child feeding and maternity protection, and in consultation with the stakeholders in the public and private sectors, consider the new recommendations from the

World Health Assembly (WHA) Resolution 69.9 to end the inappropriate promotion of food for infants and young children;

h. Strengthen the implementation of other nutrition related laws, programs, policies and guidelines including multi-sectoral integration, gender equality and promotion of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC); and
i. Strengthen the family community support systems with the active engagement of parents and caregivers, with support from the NGAS, CSOs, and other stakeholders.

SECTION 3. ***SCALING UP HEALTH AND NUTRITION FOR THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND (1,000) DAYS OF LIFE.*** - The Quezon City Health Department through the Quezon City Nutrition Committee, in coordination other National Government Agencies (NGAs) and the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), as well as other stakeholders, shall develop a comprehensive and sustainable strategy for the first one thousand (1,000) days of life to address the health, nutrition, and developmental problems affecting infants, young children, adolescent females, and pregnant and lactating women. It shall operationalize the latest national and local plan on nutrition, integrating the short, medium and long-term plans of the government in response to the global call to eradicate hunger, improve nutrition, and prevent and manage malnutrition, as one (1) of the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SECTION 4. ***COVERAGE.*** - This Ordinance covers those who are nutritionally-at-risk, especially pregnant and lactating women, particularly teenage mothers, women of reproductive age, adolescent girls, and all Filipino children who are newly born up to age twenty-four (24) months.

Priority shall be given to those who reside in disaster-prone areas and GIDA, such as areas that are isolated due to distance, inaccessibility to transportation, and weather conditions, unserved and underserved communities and other areas identified to have high incidences of poverty, those persons belonging to the vulnerable sector, communities in or recovering from situation of crisis or armed conflict and recognized as such by a government body.

The Local Government Unit shall prioritize, which meet any of the following criteria:

a. With the highest prevalence of under nutrition and nutrient-deficiency among pregnant and lactating women and children aged zero (0) to two (2) years;
b. Availability of facilities or capability to implement the program; and
c. Prioritizes such program in the barangays and willingness to provide counterpart resources for its implementation.

SECTION 5. ***DEFINITION OF TERMS.*** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as:

a. ***Breastmilk Substitute*** refers to any type of milk, in either liquid or powdered form, including soy milk and follow-up formula, that are specifically marketed for feeding infants and young children up to the age of three (3) years;

b. **Chronic Energy Deficiency (CED), or acute undernutrition**, refers to a condition where there is negative energy balance due to inadequate food and nutrient intake, problems in absorption, relatively rare or excessive nutrient loss mostly due to infections and malignancies;

c. *Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)* refer to non-State actors whose aims are neither to generate profits nor to seek governing power, such as nongovernment organizations (NGOs), professional associations, foundations, independent research institutes, community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations, people's organizations, social movements, networks, coalitions, and labor unions, which are organized based on ethical, cultural, scientific, religious or philanthropic considerations;

d. *Early Stimulation* refers to the process where infants and young children receive external stimuli to interact with others and their environment. It provides different opportunities for the child to explore, develop skills and abilities in a natural way and understand what is happening around them. Examples of early stimulation are language, motor and sensory stimulation with the aim of optimizing their cognitive, physical, emotional and social abilities, to avoid undesired states in development;

e. *First one thousand (1,000) days of life* refers to the period of a child's life, spanning the nine (9) months in the womb starting from conception to the first twenty-four (24) months of life, which is considered to be the critical window of opportunity to promote health and development and prevent malnutrition and its life-long consequences;

f. *Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA)* refer to areas that are isolated due to distance or geographical isolation, weather conditions and lack of modes of transportation. This also refers to unserved and underserved communities and other areas identified to have access or service delivery problems, high incidence of poverty, presence of vulnerable sector, communities in or recovering from situation of crisis or armed conflict, and those recognized as such by a government body;

g. *Low birth weight* refers to weight at birth of an infant, whether born full term or preterm, of less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds, or 5 pounds and 8 ounces;

h. *Malnutrition* refers to deficiencies, excesses or imbalances in a person's intake of protein, energy (carbohydrates and fats) and/or nutrients covering both under nutrition which includes suboptimal breastfeeding, stunting, wasting or thinness, underweight and micronutrient deficiencies or insufficiencies, as well as over nutrition, which includes overweight and obesity;

i. *Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)* refers to low weight-for-length/height, defined as between two (2) and three (3) Standard Deviations (SD) below the median (<-2 up to -3 SD) of the WHO Child Growth Standards or a Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) measurement of less than one hundred twenty-five millimeters (<125mm) and greater than or equal to one hundred fifteen millimeters (>115mm);

j. *Nutrition-sensitive interventions and programs* refer to interventions or programs that address the underlying determinants of maternal, fetal, infant and child nutrition and development, such as those pertaining to food security, social protection, adequate caregiving resources at the maternal, household and community levels; and access to health services and a safe and hygienic environment, and incorporate specific nutrition goals and actions. Nutrition-sensitive programs can serve as delivery platforms for nutrition-

specific interventions, potentially increasing their scale, coverage, and effectiveness;

k. ***Nutrition-specific interventions and programs*** refer to interventions or programs that address the immediate determinants of maternal, fetal, infant and child nutrition and development, adequate food and nutrient intake, feeding, caregiving and parenting practices, and low burden of infectious diseases;

i. ***Nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women*** refers to pregnant women, including teenage mothers, with a low pre-pregnancy body mass index (BMI) or those who do not gain sufficient weight during pregnancy, with any of the following predisposing factors: narrowly-spaced pregnancies and births, situated in families with low income, with large number of dependents where food purchase is an economic problem, has previously given birth to a preterm or low birth weight infant, or other unfavorable prognostic factors, such as obesity or anemia, with diseases which influence nutritional status such as diabetes, tuberculosis, drug addiction, alcoholism and mental disorder;

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m. ***Responsive caregiving*** refers to the method where the caregiver pays prompt and close attention with affection to what the child is signaling and then provides a response that is appropriate to the child's immediate behavior, needs and developmental state;

n. ***Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)*** refers to very low weight for length/height, defined as less than three (3) SD below the median (<-3SD) of the WHO Growth Standards, characterized by visible severe wasting, or by the presence of bipedal pitting edema, or a MUAC measurement of less than one hundred fifteen millimeters (<115mm); and

i. ***Stunting*** refers to chronic under-nutrition during the most critical periods of growth and development in early life. It is defined as the percentage of children aged zero (0) to fifty-nine (59) months whose height for age is below minus two (2) SD (moderate stunting) and minus three (3) SD (severe stunting) from the median of the WHO Child Growth Standards.

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SECTION 7. ***PROGRAM COMPONENTS***. The program shall include health and nutrition services and interventions provided at the different life stages. The LGU, NGAs, barangays, concerned CSOs, and other stakeholders shall work together to ensure the delivery of these services and interventions.

a. ***PRENATAL PERIOD (FIRST TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY (270) DAYS***). - Prenatal care services at the facility and community level shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

   i. Pregnancy tracking and enrollment to antenatal care services (ANC);
   ii. Regular follow up to complete the recommended minimum number of quality ANC care visits with proper referral for high-risk pregnancies;
   iii. Provision of maternal immunizations including tetanus and diphtheria toxoid vaccine, and other vaccines as appropriate;
   iv. Empowering women on the preparation of birth and emergency plans, and appropriate plans for breastfeeding and rooming-in, including counseling;

v. Counseling on maternal nutrition, appropriate infant and young child feeding practices;

vi. Early identification and management of nutritionally at-risk pregnant women and pregnant adolescent females and provision of Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) in addition to dietary supplementation;

vii. Provision of micronutrient supplements such as iron, folic acid, calcium, iodine and other micronutrients deemed necessary;

viii. Promotion of the consumption of iodized salt and foods fortified with micronutrients deemed necessary;

ix. Assessment of risk for parasitism and provision of anti-helminthic medicines;

x. Provision of oral health services including oral health assessment;

xi. Counseling on proper hand-washing, environmental sanitation, and personal hygiene;

xii. Counseling on, and utilization of, responsible parenthood and family health services;

xiii. Counseling on nutrition, smoking cessation, and adoption of healthy lifestyle practices;

xiv. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) enrollment and linkages to facility and community-based health and nutrition workers and volunteers;

xv. Social welfare support to improve access to health and nutrition services, such as, but not limited to, dietary supplementation, healthy food products and commodities for nutritionally-at- risk pregnant women belonging to poorest of the poor families, including those with disabilities;

xvi. Maternity protection during pregnancy;

xvii. Counseling and support to parents and caregivers on parent/caregiver-infant/child interaction for responsive care and early stimulation for early childhood development;

xviii. Provision of counseling and psychosocial support to parents and caregivers with priority to high-risk pregnant women and adolescent females belonging to poorest of the poor families; and

xix. Others as may be determined based on international and national guidelines and evidence generated locally.

b. ***WOMEN ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH AND IMMEDIATE POSTPARTUM PERIOD***. - Health and nutrition services at the facility and community level shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

i. Adherence to the couple's birth, breastfeeding, and rooming-in plans;

ii. Provision of mother-friendly practices during labor and delivery in line with, and in compliance with, Mother and Baby-Friendly Health Facility Initiative (MBFHFI), Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the "Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009", Executive Order No. 51 or the "Milk Code", and other related administrative issuances of the DOH on maternal and newborn care;

iii. Monitoring of the progress of labor and the well-being of both the mother and the fetus, and provision of interventions to any health issue that may arise;

iv. Identification of high-risk newborns that will be delivered; the premature, small for gestational age (SGA), and/or low birth weight

infants; and the provision of preventive interventions to reduce complications of prematurity or low birth weight;

v. Coverage and utilization of PhilHealth benefit packages for maternal care;

vi. Nutrition counseling and provision of nutritious food and meals at the facility, most especially for women who gave birth to babies who are preterm, SGA, or low birth weight, until discharged;

vii. Provision of lactation management services to support breastfeeding initiation and exclusive breastfeeding for six (6) months, most especially for caesarean deliveries, and thereafter until discharged;

viii. Counseling on proper hand-washing, environmental sanitation, and personal hygiene;

ix. Counseling on, and utilization of, modern methods of family planning and access to reproductive health care services, as defined in Republic Act No. 10354, otherwise known as "The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012";

x. Maintenance of non-separation of the mother and her newborn and rooming-in for early breastfeeding initiation;

xi. Assurance of women and child-friendly spaces during calamities, disasters, or other emergencies;

xii. Provision of support to fathers and caregivers to ensure their commitment to support the mother and the child on proper health and nutrition care and provide necessary counseling and positive parenting support interventions;

xiii. Counseling and support to parents and caregivers on parent/caregiver-infant/child interaction for responsive care and early stimulation for early childhood development; and

xiv. Others as may be determined based on international and national guidelines and evidence generated locally.

c. ***POSTPARTUM AND LACTATING WOMEN.*** Health and nutrition services at the facility and community level shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

i. Follow-up visits to health facilities where they gave birth;

ii. Home visits for women in difficult-to-reach communities especially if located in a GIDA;

iii. Lactation support and counseling from birth up to two (2) years and beyond, including those women who will return to work and for women in the informal economies, and those with breastfeeding difficulties;

iv. Nutrition assessment and counseling to meet the demands of lactation in health facilities and workplaces;

v. Identification and management of malnutrition of chronically energy deficient (CED) and nutritionally-at- risk postpartum and lactating women, including adolescent mothers, and provision of RUSF in addition to dietary supplementation, as appropriate;

vi. Organization of community-based mother support groups and peer counselors for breastfeeding in cooperation with other health and nutrition workers;

vii. Lactation breaks for women in the workplaces including micro, small and medium enterprises;

viii. Availability of lactation stations in the workplaces, both in government and in the private sector, informal economy workplaces, and in public places and public means of transportation as stipulated

in Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the "Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009" and its implementing rules and regulations;

ix. Organization of breastfeeding support groups in workplaces, in cooperation with occupational health workers and human resource managers trained in lactation management for the workplace;

x. Provision of micronutrient supplements including iron, folic acid, Vitamin A and other micronutrients deemed necessary;

xi. Promotion of the consumption of iodized salt and foods fortified with micronutrients deemed

xii. Provision of oral health services

xiii. Counseling on, and utilization of, modern methods of family planning, and access to reproductive health care services, as defined in Republic Act No. 10354, otherwise known as "The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012";

xiv. Social welfare support to improve access to health and nutrition services, such as, but not limited to, dietary supplementation, healthy food products and commodities for CED and nutritionally-at-risk postpartum and/or lactating women belonging to poorest of the poor families;

xv. Assurance of women-friendly and child-friendly spaces where mothers and their infants will be able to continue breastfeeding during calamities, disasters, or other emergencies;

xvi. Provision of support to fathers and caregivers to ensure their commitment to support the mother and the child on proper health and nutrition care and provide necessary counseling and positive parenting support intervention;

xvii. Counseling and support to parents and caregivers on parent/caregiver-infant/child interaction for responsive care, and early stimulation for early childhood development; and

xviii. Others as may be determined based on international and national guidelines and evidence generated locally.

d. ***BIRTH AND NEWBORN PERIOD (TWENTY-EIGHT (28) DAYS).*** - Health and nutrition services at the facility and community level shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

i. Provision of baby-friendly practices during delivery in line, and in compliance, with the MBFHFI and essential newborn care protocol of the MHO in all facilities providing birthing services;

ii. Provision of early and continuous skin-to-skin contact to all full-term babies and continuous kangaroo mother care for small babies born preterm and low birth weight, in compliance with the newborn protocol of the MHO in all facilities providing birthing services;

iii. Maintenance of non-separation of the mother and her newborn from birth for early breastfeeding initiation and exclusive breastfeeding;

iv. Provision of routine newborn care services such as eye prophylaxis, Vitamin K supplementation, and immunizations;

v. Administration of newborn screening;

vi. Availment and utilization of appropriate PhilHealth benefit packages for the newborn including the preterm, low birth weight and small babies;

vii. Provision of early referral to higher level facilities to manage illness and/or other complications;

viii. Assurance of a child-friendly space where exclusively breastfed infants will be able to continue breastfeeding during calamities, disasters or other emergencies;
ix. Social welfare support to improve access to health and nutrition services for newborns belonging to poorest of the poor families;
x. Facilitate the prompt birth and death registration, including fetal deaths, including restoration and reconstruction of birth and death registration documents destroyed during disasters;
xi. Counseling and support to parents and caregivers on parent/caregiver-infant/child interaction for responsive care and early stimulation for early childhood development;
xii. Provision of support to parents and caregivers on early stimulation and responsive care for infants; and
xiii. Others as may be determined based on international and national guidelines and evidence generated locally.

e. ***FIRST SIX (6) MONTHS OF INFANCY (ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS)***. - Health and nutrition services at the facility and community level shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
i. Provision of continuous support to mother and her infant for exclusive breastfeeding, including referral to trained health workers on lactation management and treatment of breast conditions;
ii. Provision of appropriate and timely immunization services integrated with assessment of breastfeeding, early child development, growth monitoring and promotion, and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counseling:
iii. Growth and development monitoring and promotion of all infants less than six (6) months old especially those who had low birth weight, are stunted, or had acute malnutrition;
iv. Counseling of household members on hand-washing, environmental sanitation, and personal hygiene;
v. Provision of early referral to higher level health facilities to manage common childhood illnesses including acute malnutrition;
vi. Identification and management of moderate or severe acute malnutrition among infants less than six (6) months old and provision of lactation management services and management of medical conditions contributing to malnutrition;
vii. Counseling and support to parents and caregivers on parent/caregiver-infant/child interaction for responsive care and early stimulation for early childhood development;
viii. Social welfare support to improve access to health and nutrition services for newborns belonging to poorest of the poor families;
ix. Provision of support to fathers and caregivers to ensure their commitment to support the mother and the child on proper health and nutrition care and provide necessary counseling and positive parenting support interventions;
x. Assurance of women and child-friendly spaces during calamities, disasters, or other emergencies where health and nutrition services for women and children shall be provided; and
xi. Others as may be determined based on international and national guidelines and evidence generated locally.

f. ***INFANTS SIX (6) MONTHS UP TO TWO (2) YEARS OF AGE***. Health and nutrition services at the community level shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

i. Timely introduction of safe, appropriate, and nutrient-dense quality complementary food with continued and sustained breastfeeding for all infants from six (6) months up to two (2) years of age, with emphasis on the use of suitable, nutrient-rich, home-prepared, and locally available foods that are prepared and fed safely;
ii. Provision of nutrition counseling on complementary food preparation and feeding to mothers and caregivers;
iii. Dietary supplementation of age-appropriate and nutrient-dense quality complementary food;
iv. Growth and development monitoring and promotion in health facilities and at home;
v. Provision of routine immunizations based on the latest DOH guidelines;
vi. Provision of micronutrient supplements deemed necessary;
vii. Management of common childhood illnesses based on WHO and DOH guidelines;
viii. Management of moderate and severe acute malnutrition using national guidelines and proper referral to higher level health facilities as appropriate, for treatment and management, especially those with serious medical complications;
ix. Provision of oral health services including application of fluoride varnish to prevent dental caries;
x. Provision of anti-helminthic tablets for children one (1) to two (2) years old as appropriate;
xi. Availability of potable source of water, counseling of household members on hand-washing, environmental sanitation, and personal hygiene, and support for sanitation needs of households to reduce food, water, and vector-borne diseases;
xii. Counseling and support to parents and caregivers on parent/caregiver-infant/child interaction for responsive care, and early stimulation for early childhood development, and referral for development delays and other disabilities for early prevention, treatment and rehabilitation;
xiii. Social welfare support to improve access to health and nutrition services such as, but not limited to, dietary supplementation, complementary food, other healthy food products and commodities, assessment and referral for development delays and other disabilities for early prevention, treatment and rehabilitation for infants six (6) months and above who belong to poorest of the poor families;
xiv. Support for home kitchen gardens wherever feasible;
xv. Provision of locally available grown crops, vegetables and fruits in addition to other agricultural products to be used in complementary feeding and dietary supplementation;
xvi. Protection against child abuse, injuries and accidents including the provision of first aid, counseling and proper referrals; and
xvii. Others as may be determined based on international and national guidelines and evidence generated locally.

SECTION 8. *Health* and Nutrition of Adolescent Females. To address the cyclical nature of malnutrition among the population, delivery of health and nutrition services for adolescent females ten (10) to eighteen (18) years old at facility, school, and community levels shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Assessment of health and nutrition status and identification of nutritionally-at-risk adolescent girls, as well as provision of ready to use

supplementary food or ready to use therapeutic food for nutritionally-at-risk adolescent females, as appropriate;
2. Provision of age-appropriate immunizations based on the latest DOH guidelines;
3. Provision of oral health services including oral health assessment;
4. Provision of anti-helminthic drugs for deworming;
5. Counseling on proper hand-washing, environmental sanitation, and personal hygiene;
6. Provision of micronutrient supplements according to guidelines of the DOH, in partnership with the Department Education (DepEd);
7. Promotion of the consumption of iodized salt and foods fortified with micronutrients that may be deemed necessary;
8. Referral to appropriate health facilities to manage menstruation irregularities or abnormalities that contribute to anemia and blood loss, and to manage complicated illnesses including moderate, severe acute malnutrition;
9. Counseling on proper nutrition, mental health, avoidance of risk-taking behaviors, smoking cessation, adoption of healthy lifestyle practices, and family health; and
10. Others as may be determined based on international guidelines and evidence generated locally.

SECTION 9. ***OTHER PROGRAM COMPONENTS***. The LGU, NGAs, concerned CSOs, and other stakeholders shall likewise include the following cross-cutting components in the implementation of the program:

1. Local health and nutrition investment planning and financing,
2. Policy, standards, and guideline development;
3. Service delivery;
4. Health and nutrition human resources capacity development;
5. Sectoral collaboration and partnerships;
6. Logistics and supply management;
7. Knowledge management and information; and
8. Monitoring and evaluation, and research and development.

SECTION 10. **NUTRITION IN THE AFTERMATH *OF* NATURAL *DISASTERS* AND CALAMITIES.** - Areas that are affected by disasters and emergency situations, both natural and man-made must be prioritized in the delivery of health and nutrition services, and psychosocial services interventions. The LGU is mandated to immediately provide emergency services, food supplies *for* proper nourishment of pregnant and lactating mothers, and children, specifically those from zero (0) to two (2) years old. Women, infant and child-friendly spaces shall be prepared and ready to accommodate women and their children, provide their daily necessities such as food, clothing, clean water, and shelter; readily available breastfeeding support and counseling for those with children up to two (2) years or beyond, as well as provision and guidance on the appropriate complementary food for children over six (6) months old.

Donations of milk formula, breastmilk substitutes, and/or products covered by the Milk Code without the approval of the Inter- Agency Committee (IAC) created under Executive Order No. 51, Series of 1986, shall be prohibited in order to protect the health and nutrition of pregnant and lactating women, infants and young children before, during and after a disaster.

In emergency situations, donations or assistance from the private sector, with no conflicts of interest or those not involved with manufacture, marketing, and sales of products covered by the scope of the Milk Code, shall be allowed immediately in the aftermath of natural disasters and calamities. Strict compliance with the Milk Code and its revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall be observed, and options for mothers with breastfeeding problems will be provided, such as, but not limited to, the mobilization of breastfeeding support groups or strategic establishment of local milk banks.

The Quezon City Health Department through the Quezon City Nutrition Committee, in coordination with the Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (QC DRRMO), shall formulate guidelines and mechanisms in pursuit of this section, taking into consideration humanitarian, inclusive, gender and culture-sensitive standards for the protection of children, pregnant and lactating mothers, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10821, otherwise known as the "Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act", its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and the Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children.

SECTION 11. ***CAPACITY-BUILDING OF BARANGAY HEALTH AND NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS and THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN.*** In coordination with NGAS, shall provide practical and effective training courses to BNS, BHWs, and other personnel concerned to upgrade their skills and competence in the implementation of the services and interventions for the health and nutrition of women and children.

SECTION 12. ***MONITORING, REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM.*** The Quezon City Nutrition Committee concerned shall regularly monitor, review and assess the impact and the effectivity of the program

SECTION 13. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

SECTION 15. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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Submitted by:

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City Councilor, District VI

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ORDINANCE NO. SP-_____, S-2025

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROVISION OF BIRTHDAY PACKAGE (GROCERY BAGS) TO ALL REGISTERED SENIOR CITIZENS IN QUEZON CITY DURING THEIR BIRTH MONTH, SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL AND EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by: Councilor **JOSEPH JOE VISAYA**

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the invaluable contributions of senior citizens to the growth and development of the city and affirms its commitment to promote their welfare, dignity, and well-being;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that: "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9257, otherwise known as the *"Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003"*, defined "senior citizen" or "elderly" as any resident of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government through the leadership of the City Mayor, Hon. Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, initiated the provision of birthday package to Senior Citizens in its commitment to support Senior QCitizenry, to honor and in celebration of their invaluable contributions;

WHEREAS, providing a Birthday Package in the form of grocery bags serves as a meaningful gesture of appreciation and a practical support to the daily needs of senior citizens, especially during their birth month;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing this program will ensure its sustainability, uniform implementation, and continuous benefit to all registered senior citizens of Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Quezon City Senior Citizens Birthday Package Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared the policy of the Quezon City Government to recognize, honor, and promote the welfare of senior citizens by providing social protection measures that support their basic needs and well-being, consistent with Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010," and other related laws.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE – Regardless of the economic status, all registered senior citizens of Quezon City, as validated and listed by the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) shall be entitled to receive the Birthday Package (Grocery Bags) during their Birth Month.

SECTION 4. FUNDING. The necessary funds for the provision of Birthday Package (Grocery Bags) shall be taken from the General Fund under the Social Services Development Department, of the City's Annual Budget.

SECTION 5. PENAL CLAUSE – Any person, whether a senior citizen or any representative acting on their behalf, who shall deliberately misrepresent, falsify, or submit fraudulent information, documents, or claims to unlawfully obtain the Birthday Package under this Ordinance shall be disqualified from receiving benefits under this program and shall be held liable for administrative and/or criminal sanctions in accordance with applicable laws, including but not limited to the Revised Penal Code, Republic Act No. 9994, and other pertinent laws and regulations.

Any barangay official or government personnel who knowingly permits, tolerates, or facilitates such misrepresentation shall likewise be subject to administrative disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from service, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil and criminal charges.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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JOSEPH JOE VISAYA
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PROPOSED ORDINANCE 23CC-_____

A RESOLUTION URGING ALL QUEZON CITY BARANGAYS TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CAR-FREE DAY WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION

INTRODUCED BY: Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA

WHEREAS, with an estimate of over 1 million registered motor vehicles, with a significant portion being privately- owned cars, Quezon City is one of the most vehicle- dense cities in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, based on the January 2025 data from the Philippine Statistics Authority's Quicktat, Quezon City continues to lead the National Capital Region in motor vehicle registrations;

WHEREAS, such data underscores the urgent need to address the environmental, economic, and public health consequences of excessive vehicular traffic and greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, the public, particularly environmental advocates, have since called for community-driven measures to reduce car use, promote active mobility, and reclaim public spaces from vehicles;

WHEREAS, committed to build a livable, green, and sustainable city through eco-friendly policies and urban planning, the Quezon City Government, through the 22nd and 21st City Councils, has enacted Ordinance No. SP- 3345, s.2024, otherwise known as the Sunday Car-Free, Carefree Tomas Morato Ordinance of Quezon City and Ordinance No. SP-2988, s.2020, otherwise known as the QC Safe Cycling and Active Transport Ordinance of 2020;

WHEREAS, the success of the implementation of these initiatives which promote environmental sustainability, public health, and community engagement serves as a compelling basis to expand such efforts at the barangay level, being the basic political units with the vital role of promoting local solutions to urban challenges;

WHEREAS, in support of the effective execution of city ordinances, all Quezon City Barangays are urged to conduct a feasibility study on the impact and viability of a car-free day in their respective jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED to urge as it does hereby urge all Quezon City Barangays to conduct a feasibility study on the possible implementation of a car-free day within their respective jurisdiction.

RESOLVE FURTHER, that upon completion of the said study, each barangay is enjoined to submit a copy of its findings to the City Council for review, evaluation and subsequent action.

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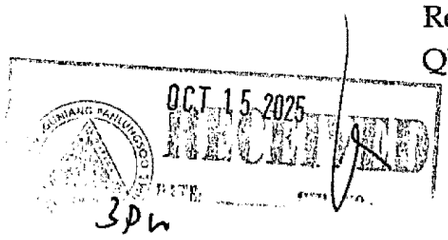
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City Councilor

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE 23CC-_____

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON SIDEWALKS OR BIKE PATHS WITHIN GOVERNMENT-OWNED INSTITUTIONS OR ESTABLISHMENTS, THEREBY HARNESSING CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ADVANCING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government has taken bold steps toward sustainability through its Solarization Program which aims to transition all city-owned properties to renewable energy sources;

WHEREAS, in 2024, two public schools and three buildings in the Quezon City Hall complex namely the High-Rise Main Building, Legislative Building, and Treasury Building are powered by clean and renewable energy which significantly reduced dependency on traditional sources of energy;

WHEREAS, since February 2025, the Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital and the Novaliches District Hospital have transitioned to full reliance on clean energy through the installation and operation of solar panels;

WHEREAS, this milestone has enabled the Quezon City Government to save approximately Php 1.5 million annually in electric costs, generate revenue from unused or excess energy, and reallocate over a million toward essential public services such as the renovation six daycare centers;

WHEREAS, countries such as the Netherlands, Spain, and Poland have pilot-tested and pioneered the use of solar pavements, bike lanes or sidewalks to generate clean energy and achieve energy transition, demonstrating viability and integrating solar energy into urban infrastructures;

WHEREAS, with the Quezon City Government's increasing number of bike lanes and sidewalks, the expansion of its solarization efforts may be tapped by maximizing land use as well as harnessing additional clean energy for government operations;

WHEREAS, data-driven decision making empowers the Quezon City Government to formulate evidence-based policies, optimize resource allocation, and ensure that infrastructure investments stem from measurable outcomes and long- term sustainability;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study is necessary to assess the technical, financial, and environmental viability of such installations, including considerations of safety, durability and integration with existing infrastructure;

WHEREAS, findings from the said study offer significant insights to guide future policy decisions, infrastructure investments, and potential city-wide implementation of solar- integrated pedestrian systems.

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 Engineering Department to conduct a feasibility study on the installation of solar panels on sidewalks or bike paths within government-owned institutions or establishments, thereby harnessing clean and renewable energy for government operations and advancing the city's commitment to sustainable development.

RESOLVE FURTHER, that upon completion of the said study, the City Engineering Department is enjoined to submit a copy of its findings to the City Council for review, evaluation and subsequent action.

Respectfully Submitted:

Coun. ALFRED VARGAS, MPA
City Councilor

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. _____, S-2025

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE FORMER CITY COUNCILOR, ATTY. MOISES S. SAMSON (NOVEMBER 25, 1953 – FEBRUARY 21, 2026), AND HONORING HIS LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE FIRST DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by **COUNCILOR CHARM M. FERRER, CPA, MPA, JD; TANY JOE CALALAY; BERNARD HERRERA; DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE; JOSEPH P. JUICO and NIKKI V. CRISOLOGO**

WHEREAS, the passing of **Atty. Moises S. Samson** on February 21, 2026, is a moment of deep sorrow for the residents of Quezon City, as the community loses a respected leader and a pillar of the First District;

WHEREAS, throughout his life and career, Atty. Samson served as a beacon of professionalism, combining his legal expertise with a genuine heart for public service to uplift the lives of his fellow citizens;

WHEREAS, as a dedicated member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, he contributed significantly to the local legislative body, championing ordinances and programs that promoted the common good, social equity, and the efficient delivery of basic services;

WHEREAS, his tenure as a City Councilor was marked by an unwavering commitment to his constituents, demonstrating that true leadership is rooted in integrity, humility, and an tireless work ethic;

WHEREAS, the City Government and the people of Quezon City recognize and owe a debt of gratitude to Atty. Samson for his years of honorable service and his contributions to the progress of the city;

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper for this August Body to pay tribute to his life and offer prayers and support to his grieving family during this time of bereavement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY, to express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincerest condolences to the family of the late **Atty. Moises S. Samson.**

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family as a testament to the high esteem and respect in which he was held by this City.

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ADOPTED this day of _____ 2025.

Respectfully submitted

HON. CHARM M. FERRER, CPA, MPA, JD
1st District, Councilor

HON. TAMY JOE CALALAY
1st District, Councilor

HON. BERNARD HERRERA
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Proposed Resolution No. 23CC _____

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HONORABLE COUNCILOR ATTY. JESUS MIGUEL SUNTAY FOR HIS ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION AS NATIONAL LEGAL OFFICER FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF YOUNG LEGISLATORS (NMYL), MARKING A HISTORIC FIRST FOR QUEZON CITY AND THE ORGANIZATION

Introduced by: Councilors ATTY. CHRISTOFFER ALLAN "TOPE" LIQUIGAN, JHON ANGELLI "SAMI" C. NERI and ALY V. MEDALLA

WHEREAS, the National Movement of Young Legislators (NMYL), founded in 1991, is a national organization of elected local officials aged 40 years old and below, including city and municipal councilors, vice mayors, and board members, committed to the promotion of good governance, ethical leadership, and the principles of "New Politics" founded on principles, platform, and performance

WHEREAS, the NMYL serves as a vital venue for young local lawmakers to collaborate on legislation, policy development, and capacity building, aimed at strengthening local government units and advancing meaningful nation-building;

WHEREAS, among its key programs and initiatives, the NMYL conducts special executive legal courses, holds national council assemblies, and undertakes regional reorganizations to enhance the legislative competence, professionalism, and effectiveness of its members nationwide;

WHEREAS, the NMYL actively advocates for ethical and performance-driven governance, the localization of national policies, and sustainable development goals, and works in close partnership with institutions such as the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to advance leadership training and good governance initiatives;

WHEREAS, Quezon City has played a significant and historic role in the NMYL since its founding, having been actively involved in its formation and growth under the leadership of then Councilor Francis Kiko Pangilinan, one of the organization's founding leaders;

WHEREAS, Quezon City has consistently distinguished itself in the national organization, having produced four (4) National Presidents of the NMYL, namely: Senator Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, former Mayor Herbert Bautista, former Councilor Julian Coseteng and Councilor Dorothy Delarmente, underscoring the City's enduring commitment to youth leadership and exemplary public service;

WHEREAS, the NMYL held its 27th National Convention, including the Election and Proclamation of the National Executive Committee, on February 24, 2026, at The Manila Hotel, where young legislators from across the country convened to reaffirm their commitment to good governance, ethical leadership, and excellence in legislation and policy development;

WHEREAS, during said Election and Proclamation, Honorable Councilor Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay, a duly elected member of the Quezon City Council, was elected and proclaimed as National Legal Officer for the National Capital Region of the NMYL;

WHEREAS, Councilor Suntay's election is historic, as he is the first individual elected to this position, the same being a newly created national post, reflecting the trust and confidence reposed in his legal expertise, integrity, and leadership;

WHEREAS, his election further elevates the stature of Quezon City as a consistent incubator of principled, capable, and forward-looking leaders who contribute meaningfully to national leadership and governance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Quezon City Council, to congratulate and commend Honorable Councilor Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay for his election and proclamation as National Legal Officer for the National Capital Region of the National Movement of Young Legislators, recognizing this milestone as a significant achievement for Quezon City and the national youth leadership movement;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to Honorable Councilor Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay and to the officers of the National Movement of Young Legislators for their information and appreciation.

ADOPTED_____

Submitted by:

HON. ATTY. CHRISTOFFER AILAN "TOPE" LIQUIGAN
City Councilor, 3rd District

HON. JHON ANGELLI "SAMI" C. NERI
City Councilor – Ex Officio
President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federasyon ng Lungsod Quezon

HON. ALY MEDALLA
City Councilor, 2nd District

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. SP-_____, S-2026

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS OF THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, THE CITY VICE MAYOR, HONORABLE GIAN G. SOTTO, AND THE 23RD CITY COUNCIL TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE UAAP SEASON 88 MEN'S FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2026.

Introduced by: Councilors *VITO SOTTO GENEROSO, ALY MEDALLA AND JHON ANGELLI "SAMI" NERI*

WHEREAS, the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) is one of the most prestigious collegiate athletic leagues in the country that promotes discipline, excellence, teamwork, and sportsmanship among student-athletes;

WHEREAS, on 23 February 2026, the University of the Philippines Fighting Maroons Men's Football Team emerged as the Champion of the UAAP Season 88 Men's Football Tournament, with the championship match held at the Rizal Memorial Stadium;

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines, through its Diliman campus located in Quezon City, continues to uphold a strong tradition of academic and athletic excellence, producing student-athletes who exemplify integrity, perseverance, and competitive spirit;

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding performance throughout the season reflects exceptional preparation, discipline, and teamwork under the guidance of its coaching staff and university officials;

WHEREAS, this championship victory brings pride and honor not only to the University of the Philippines community but also to the residents of Quezon City, serving as an inspiration to the youth to actively participate in sports and pursue excellence both in academics and athletics;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Quezon City recognizes the vital role of sports development in nation-building and in fostering unity, character formation, and community pride;

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NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, *to extend the sincerest congratulations of the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, the City Vice Mayor, Honorable Gian G. Sotto, and the 23rd City Council to the University of the Philippines Men's Football Team for winning the UAAP Season 88 Men's Football Championship held on 23 February 2026;*

RESOLVED FURTHER, *that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the University President of the University of the Philippines, the Athletic Director, the Head Coach of the Men's Football Team, and the Team Captain for their information and proper acknowledgment.*

Adopted . 2026.

Submitted by:

VITO SOTTO GENEROSO
City Councilor, District 6

ALY MEDALLA
City Councilor, District 2

JHON ANGELLI "SAMI" C. NERI
President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation

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